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Crossovers: A Secret Chronology Of The World (Volume 2)



Synopsis

From the mid-Twentieth Century, when The Spider clashed with Mr. Hyde; The Domino Lady worked with The Black Bat, The Avenger, and Airboy; Batman variously teamed up with The Shadow, Captain America, The Spirit, and Sherlock Holmes; Philip Marlowe had a brush with the Deep Ones and later worked with Sam Spade; the Nyctalope teamed up with Professor Quatermass; Bulldog Drummond combined forces with Richard Hannay for one last adventure; Nero Wolfe, Ellery Queen, Lord Peter, Perry Mason, and Mike Hammer solved a murder; and Vampirella teamed up with or fought just about everyone... ..To the Twenty-first Century, when Frankenstein's Creature battled Dracula and Mr. Hyde, and traveled to the Lost World; Witchblade and the Darkness joined forces with Vampirella; the worlds of Boston P.I. Spenser, Sheriff Jesse Stone, and detective Sunny Randall came together; and a modern-day Van Helsing went up against the current incarnation of the Black Coats... ..To the far-flung future, when Spock claimed Holmes as an ancestor and Ishmael flew with the wind whales... Crossovers is a massive timeline of crossover stories in which characters, situations, or universes are linked together in order to build the Crossover Universe. Lovingly compiled by crossover and World Newton expert Win Scott Eckert, Crossovers lists upwards of 2000 crossover stories, with innumerable additional timeline entries which outline the secret history of the land of fiction. With an introduction by Jess Nevins, this volume is illustrated with over 300 book and magazine covers, and contains an appendix covering Kim Newman's Anno Dracula series.

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Customer Reviews

Remember when Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon was a legitimate game that was at least kinda fun and really tested your movie trivia knowledge, at least until IMDB took the skill out of it? You know the game, anyone who ever appeared in a movie can be linked to Kevin Bacon by leaping from co-star to co-star, supposedly no more than six times. Johnny Depp was in EDWARD SCISSORHANDS with Wynona Ryder, who was in BEETLEJUICE with Michael Keaton, who was in BATMAN with Jack Nicholson, who was in A FEW GOOD MEN with Kevin Bacon. I always tried to play that game from the inside, the world in which the characters exist. Johnny Depp portrayed Glen Lantz in A NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET, which also featured the character Freddy Krueger, who in FREDDY VS JASON fought Jason Vorhees, who killed Jack Burrell in the original FRIDAY THE 13TH. And Jack Burrell was played by Kevin Bacon. Taking the worlds of the great pulp heroes like Tarzan, Doc Savage, and the Shadow as the baseline, Phillip Jose Farmer built on William S. Baring-Gould's concept that Sherlock Holmes and all of his adventures were real. Farmer one-upped Baring-Gould's "Game" by showing how not only were these characters real people, but they are also related to a family genetically predisposed to create larger-than-life heroes, thanks to the radiation of a 1795 meteor that landed in Wold Newton, England. Thus he links Holmes, Savage, and Greystoke to Nemo, Bond, Wolfe, Allard, and so many more heroes and villains from literature. And once you consider all the adventures these people have had, and the characters they met along the way, you find that nearly anyone of consequence from the realm of fiction can be linked back to Kenneth Robeson's Doc Savage.

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