

COMICS GLOSSARY

- **Single Issue** – The serial magazine-style format of a comic. Generally, 20-32 pages of a story but sometimes can be more. They are generally numbered in chronological order.
- **Variant** – This is different than the primary cover for an issue. Both versions of the issue will have the same interior pages.
- **Back Issue** – Any single issue not currently available on store shelves.
- **Limited Series** - This is a series with a set number of issues planned before production. The term is often used interchangeably with miniseries depending on the length and number of issues.
- **Ongoing Series** - This is a series that does not have a finite number of issues planned, and can go on indefinitely. Ongoing series often have clear story arcs that include “jumping on” points for new readers.
- **One-Shot** – A single issue that is not part of a larger series that contains a completely stand-alone story.
- **Annual** – A special larger issue of an ongoing series that is released separately from the main numbered entries of that series and is typically self-contained.
- **Graphic Novel Collection** – This is a graphic novel that reprints multiple single issues of the same or related series in one book. They can be in Hardcover or Paperback (sometimes called Trade Paperbacks or Trades).
- **Omnibus** – A hardcover, oversized, comprehensive collection that's usually focused on a single event, series, character, creator, or theme.
 - Paperback standard sized omnibuses are sometimes called **Compendiums**.
- **Original Graphic Novel (OGN)** – These are Graphic Novels that are not collections of single issues and have brand new stories only presented in the Graphic Novel format.
- **Final Order Cut-off (FOC)** – The final date retailers can place orders to receive product by the on-sale date.
- **Backorder** – A product that is temporarily out of stock with the supplier.
- **Out of Print** – A book that is no longer being printed by the publisher.
- **Reprint** – A new release of a previously unavailable book.