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# First ever Marvel comic sold in auction

## Book fetches HK\$9.85 million



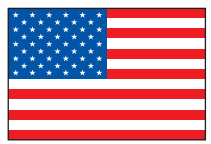
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T an auction, one of the first Marvel Comics **volumes** ever released

was sold for US\$1.26 million (about HK\$9.85 million) in Dallas, Texas (德州達拉斯). It was in nearly **mint condition**. Ed Jaster, an **executive** from the **auction house**, said that the comic book was **published** in 1939 by Timely Comics, which later became Marvel.

Marvel publishes stories of many superheroes, including Iron Man and Spider-Man. Stan Lee, **dubbed** the 'Father of Marvel', led the company while it made many famous superheroes in the 1960s. The stories of these characters have been **adapted** into many different films that are still making a lot of money today.

The **original** price of this comic book was US\$0.1.



The 1939 comic is in near-mint condition. (AP)

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Why are comic books so valuable?

### EXERCISE

#### Comprehension

Circle the correct answer.

- Where was the Marvel comic sold?
  - San Francisco
  - Dallas
  - New York
- What is Stan Lee's nickname?
  - The creator of Marvel
  - The father of DC
  - The father of Marvel
- What was the original price of the Marvel comic?
  - 10 US cents
  - US\$10
  - HK\$10



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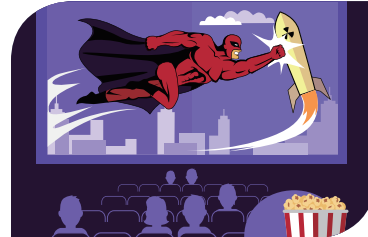
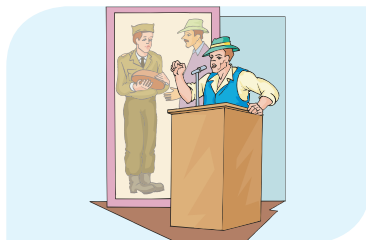
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Comic book  
(漫畫書)Television show  
(電視節目)Film  
(電影)Superhero  
(超級英雄)Auction  
(拍賣)Bookstore  
(書店)

## Anagrams

Unscramble the letters to form words related to the news.

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|--------------|--------------|
| 1. nmoiill   | 4. rcehtacra |
| 2. naouict   | 5. luomve    |
| 3. osruepher | 6. hpsuibl   |

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
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4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## GTips

'Mint' here means the item is in perfect condition.

It was in nearly **mint** condition.

'Mint' usually refers to a common herb that tastes refreshing.

My mother loves **mint** chocolate ice cream.

Another meaning of 'mint' is the place where they make new coins.

The US **mints** produce 7 billion pennies per year.

'Mint' as a verb means making new coins.

This special dollar coin was **minted** at San Francisco.

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From Iron Man to Captain America, many of the current superhero movies are based on Marvel comic books. Marvel was created by Martin Goodman in 1939 as one of the brands under Timely Comics. At first they only had super beings like the Human Torch. By 1951, Timely Comics had morphed into Atlas Comics. Then in the 1960s, Stan Lee came on board and created many new superheroes, like Spider-man and Thor. Marvel became a worldwide name for superhero comics and the company has been known by that name ever since.

publish (v)  
出版dub (v)  
給...起綽號Vocabulary  
Challengeadapt (v)  
改編original (adj)  
原本的