

DC Through the '80s: 2024 - The Experiments

The 1980s were a time of great experimentation and innovation in the comic book industry. DC Comics was at the forefront of this movement, publishing a number of experimental titles that pushed the boundaries of the medium. These titles included *The Question*, *Swamp Thing*, and *Animal Man*, all of which featured groundbreaking work by some of the most talented creators in the industry.



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The Question

The Question was a groundbreaking series that explored the dark and gritty side of the superhero genre. The title character was Vic Sage, a former investigative journalist who becomes a masked vigilante after witnessing the corruption and violence that is rampant in his city. *The Question's* methods are often brutal and uncompromising, but he is driven by a strong sense of justice and a desire to make the world a better place.



The Question was created by Dennis O'Neil and Denys Cowan, and the series ran from 1986 to 1988. The title was praised for its realistic and unflinching portrayal of urban violence, and it has been credited with helping to usher in a new era of more mature and sophisticated superhero comics.

Swamp Thing

Swamp Thing was another groundbreaking series that emerged from DC Comics in the 1980s. The title character was Alec Holland, a brilliant scientist who is transformed into a monstrous swamp creature after an explosion at his laboratory. Swamp Thing struggles to come to terms with his new identity and the strange world that he now inhabits.



Swamp Thing comic book cover

Swamp Thing was created by Len Wein and Bernie Wrightson, and the series ran from 1971 to 1987. The title was praised for its lush artwork and its thoughtful exploration of environmental themes. Swamp Thing has become one of the most iconic characters in the DC Comics universe, and the series has been adapted into several films and television shows.

Animal Man

Animal Man was a unique and innovative series that explored the concept of animal rights and the relationship between humans and animals. The title character was Buddy Baker, a stuntman who gains the ability to channel the powers of any animal that he touches. Animal Man uses his powers to fight for the rights of animals and to protect the environment.



Animal Man was created by Grant Morrison and Chas Truog, and the series ran from 1988 to 1990. The title was praised for its originality and its exploration of complex social and environmental issues. Animal Man has become a cult favorite among comic book fans, and the series has been credited with helping to raise awareness of animal rights issues.

The experimental titles of the 1980s were a watershed moment in the history of DC Comics. These titles pushed the boundaries of the medium and helped to usher in a new era of more mature and sophisticated storytelling. The Question, Swamp Thing, and Animal Man are all classic titles that continue to be enjoyed by fans today.



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