

Watchmen, International Edition

England in the mid-1950s is not the same as it was. The powers that be have instituted some changes. The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen have been disbanded and disavowed, and the country is under the control of an iron-fisted regime. Now, after many years, the still youthful Mina Murray and a rejuvenated Allan Quatermain return in search of some answers - answers that can only be found in a book buried deep in the vaults of their old headquarters - a book that holds the key to the hidden history of the League throughout the ages: The Black Dossier.

A NEW YORK TIMES Bestseller! Hailed as a comics masterpiece, THE DARK KNIGHT RETURNS is Frank Miller's (300 and SIN CITY) reinvention of the legend of Batman. It remains an undisputed classic, one of the most influential stories ever told in comics, and is a book cited by the filmmakers as an inspiration for the most recent Batman movies. It is ten years after an aging Batman has retired and Gotham City has sunk deeper into decadence and lawlessness. Now, as his city needs him most, the Dark Knight returns in a blaze of glory. Joined by Carrie Kelly, a teenage female Robin, Batman takes to the streets to end the threat of the mutant gangs that have overrun the city. And after facing off against his two greatest enemies, the Joker and Two-Face, for the final time, Batman finds himself in mortal combat with his former ally, Superman, in a battle that only one of them will survive. This collection is hailed as a comics masterpiece and was responsible for the launch of the Christopher Nolan Batman movies. This volume collects BATMAN: THE DARK KNIGHT RETURNS #1-4.

In a world without political freedom, personal freedom and precious little faith in anything comes a mysterious man in a white porcelain mask who fights political oppressors through terrorism and seemingly absurd acts. It's a gripping tale of the blurred lines between ideological good and evil. The inspiration for the hit 2005 movie starring Natalie Portman and Hugo Weaving, this amazing graphic novel is packaged with a collectable reproduction of the iconic "V" mask.

Superman, dying from solar radiation, tries to make final preparations that will help humans defend themselves after his death while continuing to defend humanity from such foes as Lex Luthor.

Kingsman: the Secret Service

Kingdom Come (New Edition)

Jerusalem

The League Of Extraordinary Gentlemen Black Dossier

The Definitive Companion to the Ultimate Graphic Novel

As the approval of the Superhuman Registration Act appears imminent, Peter Parker, also known as Spider-Man, is forced to make an important personal decision on the matter.

Watchmen

Timothy Hunter is taken on a tour of the magical realms by a quartet of fallen mystics.

Enjoy the ultimate companion to a comics masterpiece, as award-winning artist Gibbons gives his own account of the genesis of "Watchmen" and opens his vast personal archives to reveal never-published pages, original character designs, page thumbnails, sketches, and more.

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Watchmen: The Annotated Edition

Before Watchmen: Nite Owl/Dr. Manhattan

The Books of Magic

DC Comics is proud to present an all-new retrospective edition of one of the greatest graphic novels ever in WATCHMEN: THE ANNOTATED EDITION. This book examines each of the series' twelve issues in unprecedented detail, moving page by page and panel by panel to reveal the hidden foundations of this milestone in modern storytelling. Edited with notes by Leslie S. Klinger, this new edition draws upon critical and scholastic commentary, in-depth interviews with Dave Gibbons, and previously unseen original source material. Klinger provides the reader with a unique and comprehensive view of WATCHMEN as both a singular artistic achievement and a transformative event in the history of comics as a medium. Set in a world in which history has been forever altered by the existence of superheroes, Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons' monumental graphic novel WATCHMEN is one of the most influential comic book series of all time. Following two generations of masked crime-fighters from the end of World War II to the height of the Cold War, this compelling tale unfolds from a simple murder mystery into an epic saga of power, corruption and the ultimate meaning of humanity. More than 30 years after it was first published, Moore and Gibbons' masterpiece continues to inspire and entertain readers around the world. Named one of Time magazine's 100 best English-language novels of the 20th century, WATCHMEN has won countless critical accolades and honors, including the Eisner Award and the Hugo Award.

With a new HBO Watchmen series coming soon, DC collects some of the best stories starring the heroes that inspired the cast of the original WATCHMEN comic series. At the height of comics' 1960s Silver Age, artist Steve Ditko was winning praise for his spectacular work on Marvel's Amazing Spider-Man and Dr. Strange. At the same time, Ditko was also creating powerful tales of other heroes: Charlton Comics' Blue Beetle, Captain Atom and the Question. Now, for the first time, DC collects stories starring these enigmatic heroes, plus the Peacemaker and others -- the heroes that provided the inspiration for WATCHMEN team members Night Owl, Doctor Manhattan, Rorschach, the Comedian and more. This title includes CAPTAIN ATOM (1966) #83-86, BLUE BEETLE (1967) #1-6, MYSTERIOUS SUSPENSE #1, CHARLTON PREMIERE #3, THE CHARLTON BULLSEYE (1975) #1, #5, THE CHARLTON BULLSEYE (1981) #1, AMERICOMICS #3 and AMERICOMICS SPECIAL #1.

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The unforgettable, best-selling miniseries by acclaimed writer Mark Waid and superstar painter Alex Ross returns, with a sketchbook section, annotations on the series, rare art and more! Set just after the dawn of the 21st century in a world spinning inexorably out of control comes this grim tale of youth versus experience, tradition versus change and what defines a hero. KINGDOM COME is a riveting story pitting the old guard—Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman and their peers—against a new, uncompromising generation and ultimately in the final war against each other to determine nothing less than the future of the planet.

From Hell

Watchmen Companion

Alice in Sunderland

Watchmen

From Hugo Award-winning writer Tom King and artist Mitch Gerads, the team behind THE SHERIFF OF BABYLON, comes an ambitious new take on one of Jack Kirby's most beloved New Gods in MISTER MIRACLE! One of the best-reviewed series year and already a classic in the making, this Mister Miracle is magical, dark, intimate and unlike anything you've read before. Scott Free is the greatest escape artist who ever lived. So great, he escaped Granny Goodness' gruesome orphan dangers of Apokolips to travel across galaxies and set up a new life on Earth with his wife, Big Barda. Using the stage alter ego of Mister Miracle, he has made quite a career for himself showing off his acrobatic escape techniques. He even attracted the attention of the Justice League, who has counted him among its ranks. You might say Scott Free has everything--so why isn't it enough? Mister Miracle has mastered every illusion, achieved every stunt, pulled off every trick--except one. He's escaped death. Is it even possible? Our hero is going to have to kill himself if he wants to find out. Collects MISTER MIRACLE #1-12.

Soon to be an HBO original series, Watchmen, the groundbreaking series from award-winning author Alan Moore, presents a world from the mere presence of American superheroes changed history--the U.S. won the Vietnam War, Nixon is impeached, and the Cold War is in full effect. Considered the greatest graphic novel in the history of the medium, the Hugo Award-winning story chronicles the fall from grace of a group of superheroes plagued by all-too-human failings. Along the way, our superhero is dissected as an unknown assassin stalks the erstwhile heroes. This edition of Watchmen, the groundbreaking series from Alan Moore, the award-winning writer of V For Vendetta and Batman: The Killing Joke, and features art by legend Dave Gibbons, with high-quality, recolored pages found in Watchmen: Absolute Edition.

The seminal graphic novel masterpiece V For Vendetta is available in this new deluxe edition, featuring an essay from writer Alan Moore, sketches from artist David Lloyd and other bonus material! A powerful story about loss of freedom and the rise of a totalitarian regime, V For Vendetta takes place in a totalitarian England following a devastating war that changed the face of the planet. In a world without political freedom, personal freedom and precious little faith in anything comes a mysterious man in a white porcelain mask who fights political oppressors through terrorism and seemingly absurd acts. It's a gripping tale of the blurred lines between ideological good and evil. Written by one of the greatest scribes in the history of the medium, Alan Moore, V For Vendetta is considered not only one of the most important graphic novel works ever, but also one of the great works in fiction. V For Vendetta 30th Anniversary Deluxe Edition brings the groundbreaking title back into hardcover for the first time in years.

The Watchmen Companion collects for the first time long-out-of-print, rarely seen material based on the landmark comic book series! The Watchmen Companion includes the Watchmen: Watching the Watchmen and Watchmen: Taking out the Watchmen modules, along with the Watchmen Sourcebook, released in 1990 as part of the DC Heroes role-playing game-sanctioned by Alan Moore, including illustrations by artist Dave Gibbons created especially for the game, and expanding on the material from the Watchmen series. This volume also collects pages from Who's Who in The DC Universe featuring the Watchmen and Minutemen characters, The Question #17 (guest-starring Rorschach!) and a page from the rare, promotional DC Spotlight #1 that marked the very first appearance of the Watchmen cast in print!

Witch Watch

Anthrax: Among The Living

Road to Watchmen: Rorschach & Nite Owl

Batman: The Dark Knight Returns

Stranger Things: The Other Side (Graphic Novel)

From #1 New York Times bestselling author Julia Quinn, comes her first illustrated graphic novel. Based on story snippets that are peppered throughout a number of her novels and enjoyed by her characters who read them, this is that tale in its entirety - an irresistible treat for her fans who are in the know and pure entertainment for all others. Born into a happy family that is tragically ravaged by smallpox, Miss Priscilla Butterworth must use her wits to survive a series of outlandish trials . . . Cruelly separated from her beloved mother and grandmother, the young girl is sent to live with a callous aunt who forces her to work for her keep. Eventually, the clever and tenderhearted Miss Butterworth makes her escape . . . a daring journey into the unknown that unexpectedly leads her to the "mad" baron and a lifetime of love. Delightfully illustrated by Violet Charles, and told in Julia Quinn's playful voice, Miss Butterworth and the Mad Baron is a high-spirited nineteenth-century romp that will entertain and enchant modern readers.

The controversial, long-awaited prequels to the best-selling graphic novel of all-time are finally here: BEFORE WATCHMEN! For over twenty years, the back stories of the now iconic characters from Alan Moore and Dave Gibbon's landmark graphic novel have remained a mystery, until now. DC Comics has assembled the greatest creators in the industry to further paint the world of WATCHMEN, with this second volume starring two of the most polarizing anti-heroes ever, COMEDIAN and RORSCHACH. Eisner Award-winning writer and creator of 100 Bullets Brian Azzarello brings his gritty, nuanced storytelling to these two recognizable characters. In RORSCHACH, Azzarello again teams with superstar artist Lee Bermejo (JOKER, LUTHOR, BATMAN/DEATHBLOW) to illustrate how one of most dangerous vigilantes the comic world has ever seen became even darker.

COMEDIAN, featuring art by J.G. Jones (FINAL CRISIS, Wanted), plants the famed war hero within the context of American history, as we find out how the Vietnam War and the Kennedy assassination revolve around him. Collects BEFORE WATCHMEN: COMEDIAN 1-6 and BEFORE WATCHMEN: RORSCHACH 1-4.

With new material including never-before-reprinted silent art pages, an expanded sketchbook, this is an absolute edition of a modern comic masterpiece.

The hit Netflix series from the Duffer Brothers is now a spine-tingling comic that recounts Will Byers' harrowing survival in the treacherous Upside Down! When Will Byers finds himself in the Upside Down, an impossible dark parody of his own world, he's understandably frightened. But that's nothing compared with the fear that takes hold when he realizes what's in that world with him! Follow Will's struggle through the season one events of the hit Netflix show Stranger Things! Written by Jody Houser (Mother Panic, Faith) and illustrated by Stefano Martino (Doctor Who, Catwoman)

Before Watchmen: Minutemen/Silk Spectre

Being a Melodrama in Sixteen Parts

Before Watchmen: Comedian/Rorschach

Watchmen (2019 Edition)

Doomsday Clock: The Complete Collection

The New York Times bestseller from the author of Watchmen and V for Vendetta finally appears in a one-volume paperback. Begging comparisons to Tolstoy and Joyce, this “magnificent, sprawling cosmic epic” (Guardian) by Alan Moore—the genre-defying, “groundbreaking, hairy genius of our generation” (NPR)—takes its place among the most notable works of contemporary English literature. In decaying Northampton, eternity loiters between housing projects. Among saints, kings, prostitutes, and derelicts, a timeline unravels: second-century fiends wait in urine-scented stairwells, delinquent specters undermine a century with tunnels, and in upstairs parlors, laborers with golden blood reduce fate to a snooker tournament. Through the labyrinthine streets and pages of Jerusalem tread ghosts singing hymns of wealth and poverty. They celebrate the English language, challenge mortality post-Einstein, and insist upon their slum as Blake's eternal holy city in “Moore's apotheosis, a fourth-dimensional symphony” (Entertainment Weekly). This “brilliant . . . monumentally ambitious” tale from the gutter is “a massive literary achievement for our time—and maybe for all times simultaneously!” (Washington Post).

Struck by a bolt of lightning and doused in chemicals, Central City Police scientist Barry Allen was transformed into the fastest man alive. Tapping into the energy field called the Speed Force, he applies a tenacious sense of justice to protect and serve the world as the Flash! The Fastest Man Alive returns in the New 52 with writer/artist team Francis Manapul and Brian Buccellato. The Flash knows he can't be everywhere at once, but he has seemingly met his match when he faces DC Comic's hottest new super-villain, Mob Rule, who really can be everywhere at once! As Mob Rule wages a campaign of crime across Central City, including an electromagnetic blast that plunges the city into darkness, the Flash learns that the only way he can capture Mob Rule and save Central City is to learn how to make his brain function even faster than before--but as much as his new moves help him, they also comes with a steep price. This volume collects issues 1-8.

In 1987, Anthrax unleashed a heavy metal & pop culture touchstone with the release of their historic Among the Living album! Now Anthrax & Z2 invite you to explore the album like never before with this original anthology graphic novel! Each song on the album is given an original story by an amazing creative team, along with extra content and the introduction of the new NOTMAN designed by Greg Nicetero (Walking Dead)! Come on this dark journey into the '87 underground in America with these esteemed creators...

Following the senses-shattering events of Identity Crisis, the galactic implications become abundently clear in this latest collection leading up to Infinite Crisis! The planet Rann is on the verge of all out war. As tensions rise between two alien factions, Rannian space cop Adam Strange travels to Earth to enroll the help of Thangarians Hawkman and Hawkgirl. With the balance of the universe in jeopardy, can their unified front avert an inevitable disaster? Featuring a host of popular Justice League characters such as Green Lantern and Hawkman, and written by legendary Watchmen co-creator Dave Gibbons, with explosive artwork by Ivan Reis, this is one book no comics or sci-fi fan should miss!

Absolute V for Vendetta

Mister Miracle

Voice of the Fire

All Star Superman

V for Vendetta 30th Anniversary Deluxe Edition

Sunderland! Thirteen hundred years ago it was the greatest center of learning in the whole of Christendom and the very cradle of English consciousness. In the time of Lewis Carroll it was the greatest shipbuilding port in the world. To this city that gave the world the electric light bulb, the stars and stripes, the millennium, the Liberty Ships and the greatest British dragon legend came Carroll in the years preceding his most famous book, Alice in Wonderland, and here are buried the roots of his surreal masterpiece. Enter the famous Edwardian palace of varieties, The Sunderland Empire, for a unique experience: an entertaining and epic meditation on myth, history and storytelling and decide for yourself — does Sunderland really exist?

Around the globe, pop-culture celebrities are being abducted, and no one knows why. Jack London -- superspy -- is on the case. But Jack has problems of his own: a deadbeat sister and her out-of-control son. Young Eggsy has fallen in with the wrong crowd, and his life is circling the drain. Only Jack stands between his nephew and a jail cell. But seeing something of himself in Eggsy, Jack offers him one last chance for a future -- in spy school. Out of his element, surrounded by the best and the brightest, are Eggsy's street smarts enough for him to make it as a secret agent? Does he have what it takes to help his uncle find the celebrities and save the world? This 2017 edition comes with a limited edition FOX MOVIE COVER and a brand-new cover by DAVE GIBBONS, revealed in August."

Discover what happened before WATCHMEN. The team of legendary writer Len Wein and acclaimed artist Jae Lee--in his first DC Comics' work in nearly a decade--delve into the mind of the smartest man in the world: Ozymandias. How does one go from the son of immigrant parents to becoming the world's smartest man? Adrian Veidt begins his journey, both spiritual and physical, that will one day make him one of the most pivotal players in the world-changing events of WATCHMEN. Collects BEFORE WATCHMEN: OZYMANDIAS #1-6, "Curse of the Crimson Corsair."

This Hugo Award-winning graphic novel chronicles the fall from grace of a group of super-heroes plagued by all-too-human failings. Along the way, the concept of the super-hero is dissected as the heroes are stalked by an unknown assassin. One of the most influential graphic novels of all time and a perennial bestseller, WATCHMEN has been studied on college campuses across the nation and is considered a gateway title, leading readers to other graphic novels such as V FOR VENETTA, BATMAN: THE DARK KNIGHT RETURNS and THE SANDMAN series.

V for Vendetta Book and Mask Set

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Before Watchmen Omnibus

Watchmen (International Edition)

The Sandman: the Deluxe Edition Book One

Tiga Whicabim loves her new life in the witchy, glitzy, black and white world of Sinkville. Now, suddenly, colour has started seeping back into Ritzy City - first there was a green apple in the middle of the road, and then Miss Heks reappeared in a garish oran

Heks is only the tip of a very witchy iceberg. As Tiga, Peggy and Fluffanora soon discover, all the Big Exit witches are back! And they want to destroy Sinkville once and for all.As Aggie Hoof hides in a cupboard, Tiga, Fluffanora and Peggy race to save Sinkville. Felicity Bat, whose irritatingly excellent witchcraft is exactly what they need. The third glitzy adventure in the Witch Wars series, Witch Watch is perfect for fans of The Worst Witch, Eva Ibbotson's hilarious Which Witch?, and Witchworld.

The world of Watchmen collides with the DC Universe in the most shocking story in DC history! Presented by master storytellers Geoff Johns and Gary Frank--As the Doomsday Clock ticks toward midnight, the DC Universe will encounter its greatest threat: Manhattan, and the secrets of the past, present, and future will leave ramifications on our heroes' lives forever. NOTHING EVER REALLY ENDS... The world of Watchmen collides with the DC Universe in Doomsday Clock, from Geoff Johns and Gary Frank, the creator of Shazam! Origins and Batman: Earth One. Seven years after the events of Watchmen, Adrian Veidt has been exposed as the murderer of millions. Now a fugitive, he has come up with a new plan to redeem himself in the eyes of the world. The first step? Find the truth and the never-before-seen Mime and Marionette, he follows Manhattan's trail to the DC Universe, which is on the brink of collapse as international tensions push the "Doomsday Clock" ever closer to midnight. Is this all Dr. Manhattan's doing? Spinning out of control? Batman/The Flash: The Button, Doomsday Clock rewrites the past, present, and future of the DC Universe and it all starts here! Collects Doomsday Clock #1-12.

In an alternate world where the mere presence of American superheroes changed history, the US won the Vietnam War, Nixon is still president, and the cold war is in full effect. Watchmen begins as a murder-mystery, but soon unfolds into a planet-altering plot involving the unlikely group of reunited heroes--Rorschach, Nite Owl, Silk Spectre, Dr. Manhattan and Ozymandias - have to test the limits of their convictions and ask themselves where the true line is between good and evil. In the mid-eighties, Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons' course of comics' history and essentially remaking how popular culture perceived the genre. Popularly cited as the point where comics came of age, Watchmen's sophisticated take on superheroes has been universally acclaimed for its psychological depth and new cover, sketches, extra bonus material, and a new introduction by series artist Dave Gibbons.

The controversial, long-awaited prequels to the best-selling graphic novel of all-time are finally here: BEFORE WATCHMEN! For over twenty years, the back stories of the now-iconic characters from Alan Moore and Dave Gibbon's landmark graphic novel had been theorizing. Now, DC Comics has assembled the greatest creators in the industry to further paint the world of WATCHMEN, starting with this first volume starring MINUTEMEN and SILK SPECTRE The critically acclaimed and Eisner Award-winning creator of DC Comics' Doom Patrol, Darwyn Cooke lends his talents MINUTEMEN. As the predecessor to the Watchmen, the Minutemen were assembled to fight against a world that have more and more rapidly begun to spin out of control. Can these heroes from completely different backgrounds and cultures come together? Or will they fall apart before they begin? SILK SPECTRE takes an introspective look at the WATCHMEN feature player's struggles with her overbearing superhero mother and her scattered path toward taking the mantle of the Silk Spectre. With Amanda Conner (POWER GIRL, The Pro), SILK SPECTRE takes a very different perspective at the world of BEFORE WATCHMEN. Collects BEFORE WATCHMEN: MINUTEMEN 1-6 and BEFORE WATCHMEN: SILK SPECTRE 1-4.

Rann-Thanagar War
Before Watchmen: Ozymandias/Crimson Corsair

Civil War
The Flash Vol. 1: Move Forward (The New 52)
Amazing Spider-Man

The New York Times best-selling prequels to the best-selling graphic novel Watchmen are collected together for the first time and in a special DC hardcover Omnibus! Takes a look at the world before the critically acclaimed graphic novel Watchmen, by some of comics' top talents, including Eisner Award-winning authors Brian Azzarello and Darwyn Cooke, multi-award winning authors Len Wein and Michael Straczynski. With art from Joe Kubert, Amanda Conner, J.G. Jones, Lee Bermejo, Adam Hughes, Jae Lee and John Higgins. Dive deeper into the world of Watchmen by following the famous characters around in their own solo stories. Witness Rorschach's story to see how one of the most dangerous vigilantes in the comics world started down his dark path. Find out how the Vietnam War and the Kennedy assassination revolve around the Comedian. Take an introspective look at Silk Spectre as she struggles with her overbearing superhero mother and her scattered path toward taking the mantle of the Silk Spectre. Find all of this and more when you discover what happened before Watchmen in Before Watchmen Omnibus. Collects Before Watchmen: Comedian #1-6, Before Watchmen: Rorschach #1-4, Before Watchmen: Minutemen #1-6, Before Watchmen: Silk Spectre #1-4, Before Watchmen: Nite Owl #1-4, Before Watchmen: Dr. Manhattan #1-4, Before Watchmen: Moloch #1-2, Before Watchmen: Ozymandias #1-6, Before Watchmen: Crimson Corsair #1 and Before Watchmen: Dollar Bill #1.

Discover what happened before WATCHMEN as writer J. Michael Straczynski is joined by Andy Kubert and the legendary Joe Kubert to take flight with the gadget-savvy vigilante known as Nite Owl! And then in BEFORE WATCHMEN: DR. MANHATTAN, JMS teams with fan-favorite artist Adam Hughes on the all-powerful super-man Dr. Manhattan. For Dr. Manhattan, past, present, and future are one and the same. But as he observes the events of his life, do they remain the same? Or are they changed? The very fact of his existence may have altered the nature of what will or will not be... Collects BEFORE WATCHMEN: NITE OWL #1-4 and BEFORE WATCHMEN: DR. MANHATTAN #1-4.

One of the most popular and critically acclaimed graphic novels of all time, Neil Gaiman's award-winning masterpiece The Sandman, is finally being collected for the first time in deluxe hardcover format. Illustrated by an exemplary selection of the medium's most gifted artists, the series is a rich blend of modern and ancient mythology in which contemporary fiction, historical drama, and legend are seamlessly interwoven. This first book collecting Neil Gaiman's genre-defining series about the Dream King in a new deluxe edition series featuring an oversize hardcover format and bonus content. Collects the first two paperback volumes of the critically acclaimed series Sandman, issues 1-16, and Sandman Midnight Theatre 1.

An HBO hit original series, Watchmen, the groundbreaking series from award-winning author Alan Moore, presents a world where the mere presence of American superheroes changed history--the U.S. won the Vietnam War, Nixon is still president, and the Cold War is in full effect. This edition features a never-before published lenticular cover of Rorschach's shifting mask. Set in a world in which history has been forever altered by the existence of superheroes, Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons' monumental graphic novel Watchmen is one of the most influential and critically acclaimed comic book series of all time. Following two generations of masked crime-fighters from the end of World War II to the height of the Cold War, this compelling tale unfolds from a simple murder mystery into an epic saga of power, corruption, and the ultimate meaning of humanity. This edition of Watchmen, the groundbreaking series from Alan Moore, the award-winning writer of Batman: The Killing Joke and V For Vendetta and Dave Gibbons, the artist of Green Lantern, features the high-quality, recolored pages found in Watchmen: The Absolute Edition with sketches, never-before-seen extra bonus material, and an introduction by Dave Gibbons.

Miss Butterworth and the Mad Baron
An Entertainment
Watching the Watchmen

From the beloved creator of Watchmen and numerous other classics, the Long London series is a tour-de-force that tells the story of the timeless shadow city full of magic and memory somewhere beyond the "real London." Long London is a series about "a sometimes-accessible shadow city that is beyond time." This is a hugely inventive, atmospheric, mythical world of murder, magic and madness. It is a quintet of novels that sweeps across the 20th century, starting in the shell-shocked and unravelled London of 1949, and following the populations of writers, criminals, artists, and magicians through that familiar city and a version of London just beyond our knowledge.

The front door of Shuna's family home acted as a gateway to Bangladesh. Nothing haram passed through this door, this was a devout house. When Shuna walked through this door, she switched her rebellious face to her pious face, which eagerly absorbed the teaching of the Prophet, striving to be a good Muslim girl. The switching between these two faces became increasingly difficult as they grew further and further apart. 'Yes, yes, yes I'll marry you!' I said to David. Although, after the celestial shock wore off and dull reality set in, I realised there was a slight problem. I would have to tell my very traditional parents that I was going to marry a non-Muslim and confess my secret life. It's my wedding day. My parents are absent. I'm not surprised. Why would my parents want to celebrate their daughter's eternal damnation in hell fire?