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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Kochman, Charles
Title:	Abrams ComicArts records
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Biographical / Historical

Charles Kochman is the editorial director of Abrams ComicArts, and editor of the #1 bestselling Diary of a Wimpy Kid series by Jeff Kinney. Prior to joining ABRAMS in January 2005, Kochman was the first editor of licensed publishing at DC Comics and MAD magazine for twelve years.

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Biographical / Historical

In 2008, art book publisher Harry N. Abrams announced a new imprint titled ComicArts, offering titles on comics art history and graphic novels. Although Abrams had periodically

published similar books in the past, including Mark Evanier's "Kirby: King of Comics" and the critically acclaimed webcomic "Mom's Cancer" by Brian Fies, the new line suggests an increased focus on the art of comics.

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Summary

Most of the materials are related to a particular book project: drafts, proofs, edits, fouts, markups, correspondence, etc. Note that most projects include both regular size and oversize materials.

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Scope and Contents

Book projects found in the collection include: About Dogs; Al Jaffee (Tall Tales); Archie: The Wedding; Art in Time; Art Out of Time; Bad Sex; Bazooka Joe; Becoming Andy Warhol; Captain Marvel (Shazam!); The Carter Family; Cartoon America; Classic Childrens Comics (The Toon Treasury of Classic Children's Comics); Daniel Clowes (The Art of Daniel Clowes); Death by Laughter; Jules Feiffer (Out of Line: the Art of Jules Feiffer); Topps Garbage Pail Kids; Ghetto Klown; The Great American Cereal Book; How to Fake a Moon Landing; Inside Woody Allen; Jack Kirby (Kirby: King of Comics); Jerry Robinson: Ambassador of Comics; Kindred; Krazy Kat and the Art of George Herriman; Legends of the Blues; "M"; Manga Kamishibai; Mars Attacks; Mom's Cancer; My Friend Dahmer; Nat Turner; Heroes of the Negro Leagues; Peanuts character guide; Planet of the Apes; R. Crumb: Heroes of Blues, Jazz, and Country; Secret Identity; Si Lewen's Parade; The Art of the Simon and Kirby Studio; Simpsons (I think this might actually be The Simpsons Futurama Crossover Crisis); Spumco (unpublished Spumco project); Street Corner Kamishibai; The Age of Selfishness; The art of Harvey Kurtzman; The art of Jaime Hernandez; The art of Rube Goldberg; The Horror, The Horror; The Shape of Things; The someday funnies; Thi Bui (The Best We Could Do); Toon treasury; Topps Planet of the apes; Topps Star Trek; Topps Star Wars; Topps Wacky Packages; Trashed; Whatever Happened to the World of Tomorrow; Will Eisner - Champion of the Graphic Novel; Will Eisner - PS Magazine; Wordless Books; Yiddishkeit.

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Restrictions on Access

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Processing Information

Collection-level record describing unprocessed material made public in summer 2018 as part of the Hidden Collections initiative.

Restrictions on Access

Boxes 1-24 are located off-site. You will need to request this material at least three business days in advance to use the collection in the Rare Book and Manuscript Library reading room.

Boxes 25-69 are located on-site.

Restrictions on Access

This collection has no restrictions.

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Accruals

Materials may have been added to the collection since this finding aid was prepared. Contact rbml@columbia.edu for more information.

Processing Information

In November 2021, materials were removed from the original transfiles and placed in either record storage cartons or oversize boxes. Materials were listed by project; note that most projects include both regular size and oversize materials. Within record storage cartons, file folders were used to separate projects.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Graphic novels
- Comic books, strips, etc
- Comics (Graphic works)
- Editors
- Abrams ComicArts

Collection Inventory

Box List	
Title/Description	Instances
Peanuts character guide	box 1
Book pitches	box 1
Minicomics	box 1
Publisher catalogs	box 1
Dummies	box 2
"Inspiration" books	box 2

Hollywood Zombies masks	box 2
Book pitches	box 3
Center for Cartoon Studies info	box 3
Publisher catalogs	box 4
Exhibition materials	box 4
Solicitations	box 4
Promotional materials	box 4
Book pitches	box 5
Abrams promotional material	box 5
Book-related calendars	box 6
Promotional materials	box 6
Publisher catalogs	box 6
Solicitations	box 6
Comic con materials	box 6
Windsor McCay materials	box 6
Star Wars comics signed giclée prints portfolio	box 6
Canemaker off-print	box 6
Cartoon America	box 7
Proofs and production materials for Rube Goldberg book	box 8
Production notes for Pekar's Yiddishkeit	box 8
Proofs for Becoming Andy Warhol	box 8
Proofs, drafts, and production notes for Jules Feiffer boo	box 9
Topps Star Trek	box 10
Topps Wacky Packages	box 10
The art of Jaime Hernandez	box 10
Krazy Kat & the art of George Herriman	box 10
The art of Harvey Kurtzman	box 10
The someday funnie	box 10
The Horror, The Horror	box 11
Carter Family	box 11
Wordless Books	box 12
Art Out of Time	box 12

Art in Time	box 12
The art of Harvey Kurtzman	box 13
The art of Jaime Hernandez	box 13
Toon Treasury	box 13
Topps Star Wars	box 13
Topps planet of the apes	box 13
Great American Cereal Book	box 14
Classic Childrens Comics (The Toon Treasury)	box 14
Rube Goldberg	box 14
Will Eisner - PS Magazine	box 14
Al Jaffee	box 14
Jack Kirby	box 14
Bazooka	box 14
Simon and Kirby	box 15
Will Eisner - Champion of the Graphic Novel	box 15
Legends of the Blues	box 15
Various non-fiction	box 15
The Age of Selfishness	box 15
How to Fake a Moon Landing	box 15
The Carter Family	box 16
Ghetto Clown	box 16
Archie: The Wedding	box 16
Nat Turner	box 16
Wacky Packages	box 16
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Captain Marvel	box 17
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Street Corner Kamishibai	box 20
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Jules Feiffer	box 21
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Secret Identity	box 22
Mars Attacks	box 22
Mars Attacks	box 23
Kindred	box 23
Jerry Robison: Ambassador of Comics	box 23
Mom's Cancer	box 23
R. Crumb: Heroes of Blues, Jazz, and Country	box 23
[35 optical discs, misc]	box 24
Art Out of Time	box 24
Miscellaneous	box 24
The art of Rube Goldberg	flatbox 25

Cartoon America	flatbox 26
My friend Dahmer	flatbox 26
The Shape of Things	flatbox 26
Great American Cereal Book	flatbox 27
Great American Cereal Book	flatbox 28
Great American Cereal Book	flatbox 29
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Toon treasury	flatbox 66
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