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Current Hotlist

- Halo 3 Series 2 figures
- Gears of War-action figures series One
- Final Fantasy figures
- Doctor Who life size standees (NEW: Ood, weeping Angel, K9, The Master and Scarecrow!)
- Hellboy 2 action figures
- Star Wars: The Clone Wars posters
- WATCHMEN graphic novel

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Welcome to the latest Newsletter from STARSTORE.COM and our store The Last Picture Show!

Welcome to the September edition of your newsletter! It really has been quite a year for us geeks, with The Dark Knight, Hellboy 2, Iron Man, The Incredible Hulk and more filling cinemas with fans new and old, and we are ecstatic at the response these films have been getting, and are thrilled to welcome more fans to the wonderful world of comics, heroes and villains. It is a great thing to see that this industry, once seen as little more than a niche hobby, is finally getting some of the respect it deserves. Yeah, that out of the way, welcome to your newsletter. Things have been as hectic as ever here, and we're loving every minute of it. We're gearing up to bring you a load of

new content to check out online, so keep posted on our blog at [www.starstoreblog.com](http://www.starstoreblog.com) for the latest updates on that. The school holidays have now drawn to a close, and thus it's time for us to restock, redisplay and get ready for the next delivery to bring us more cool stuff for your homes. The Last Picture Show is well into its second decade of bringing you the latest and greatest in licensed collectibles, posters and more, and [www.starstore.com](http://www.starstore.com) has been online since 1997, so you can see we're here for the long haul. So thanks for continuing to visit our sites and our store in the Meadowhall centre. It's a privilege serving you all...



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## HALO 3 SERIES 2 FIGURES OUT NOW

The third entry in the Halo series has been taking the gaming world by storm for a while now, and the first wave of action figures were a big hit with fans. Now the second wave is out, and is proving to be even more popular than the first!

Where the first wave were presented in sealed clamshells, this second wave of articulated

figures comes boxed in traditional blister packs. The quality of the figures themselves hasn't changed one bit though, which can sometimes happen with later waves. The new set includes figures of: Master Chief, Brute Stalker, Arbiter, Drone, ODST, Spartan CQB, Spartan Scout, Spartan EVA, Spartan ODST, Spartan EOD and Spartan

Mark VI. So many Spartans in fact, that you could almost make yourself another 300 movie, just with, erm, different Spartans. These figures are excellent additions to any Halo fan's collection and bode well for the future of the range. Here's hoping the next wave is as good as this one...

## NEW IN: Recent arrivals in store...

The latest arrivals here at [Starstore.com/The Last Picture Show](http://Starstore.com/The Last Picture Show) include some of the best items we've ever stocked. Lets check out some of the recent releases...

### HALO 3 SERIES 2

As talked about on page one, these figures are proving to be even more popular than the first wave!

### GEARS OF WAR SERIES ONE

With the second wave due to arrive soon, the first wave of individual GEARS OF WAR figures and the box set edition are all still hot items thanks to their expert sculpts and range of accessories.

### DOCTOR WHO CLASSICS ACTION FIGURES

These have been a surprise hit in recent weeks, with the first batch proving to be immensely popular- even the monsters! This is a great range of three classic Doctors and various

classic era creatures that no fan should miss.

**CINEMA OF FEAR STYLIZED JASON VOORHEES FIGURE** This excellent 9 inch figure of Jason features a stylized, almost comic book sculpt that actually captures his essence better than the earlier figures!

Remember, there's always news on the latest arrivals on our website at [www.starstore.com](http://www.starstore.com)



The new Cinema of Fear Jason Voorhees figure from Mezco

## COMING SOON: TORCHWOOD ACTION FIGURES

The first wave of officially licensed TORCHWOOD action figures were due to hit our shelves in August 2008, but due to a change in one of the sculpts they are now due this month.. This long awaited first wave of figures is set to feature Captain Jack Harkness, Gwen Cooper, the Cyberwoman and a chilling Weevil figure. The figures look superb from the promotional images thus far released, in particular the Jack Harkness figure as it looks much more like John Barrowman than the previous Jack figure from the Doctor Who range.

Torchwood, the Doctor Who spinoff series aimed at an older audience, is set to return for a third series, it has been revealed. Before then we have an all new audio episode, 'Lost Souls' to look forward to, which will be broadcast on Radio 4 on September 10th. The audio episode is an adventure based around the CERN experiments with the Large hadron Collider. Torchwood series 3 is now in production, and will take the shape of a single story told in five episodes, broadcast over the space of one week. The story, Children of Earth, is said to be the biggest,

most ambitious Torchwood story ever attempted, and sees Martha Jones once again team up with the surviving members of the Torchwood team.

A second wave of official Torchwood action figures is apparently due to arrive in November, featuring characters from series 2.

You can keep up to date with the latest Torchwood news on our blog at [www.starstoreblog.com](http://www.starstoreblog.com)

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## NEWS ROUNDUP FROM OUR BLOGS

The DOCTOR WHO specials for 2009 are shaping up to be quite an event, with the Doctor's Daughter (Jenny, played by Georgina Moffet) set to return, as well as rumours of the Master, the eighth Doctor (Paul McGann), Donna and Daleks all making an appearance along the way. SPIDER-MAN 4 AND 5 are now being fast tracked by Sony- with Sam Raimi and Tobey MacGuire still on board! GHOSTBUSTERS 3

finally looks like it is going to be made, featuring a new script and a new cast5 of Ghostbusters being trained up by the classic quartet of Venkman, Stantz, Spengler and Zeddemore! HBO have aborted their adaptation of the PREACHER graphic novels due to the subject matter apparently being too intense and controversial for TV audiences. BATMAN 3 rumours are already flying

around, with Johnny Depp said to be considering the role of the Riddler and Angelina Jolie as Catwoman, along with a rumour of Phillip Seymour Hoffman as the Penguin...

Check out all of our blogs at the addresses on page 4...



STARSTORE/The Last Picture Show- Feature articles from our team of writers...

## The Dark Knight - Ten of Batman's Most Important Stories in Comics

By Andrew Hawnt

Batman is back, and he's bigger and better than ever. The new series of films featuring the caped crusader himself has seen countless new fans flock to his adventures in print, but with the world of comics being such a daunting prospect to a newcomer, it is easy to get stuck on what to read first. There are many decades worth of Batman reading to be enjoyed, but what are the most important stories? What has had a lasting impact on the character and his mythos outside of the medium of the big screen? Here we take a look at ten essential titles in the Batman pantheon.

### THE KILLING JOKE

Widely considered to be the finest Batman story ever created, The Killing Joke was written by comics legend Alan Moore and featured art from Brian Bolland. Offering a possible origin for the character of the Joker, it is highly regarded as one of the finest graphic novels ever published, and also was the basis for some of the storyline in The Dark Knight.

### KNIGHTFALL VOLUMES 1-3

This notorious three volume tale tells the story of Batman's protégé, Azrael, taking over the mantle of Batman when Bruce Wayne's back is broken by the murderous Bane. Azrael, as a new Batman, goes too far and ends up insane, leaving it up to Bruce to work himself back to health and face him down in a clash of the batmen. A classic.

### HUSH VOLUMES 1 AND 2

A very strong mystery story involving the enigmatic killer Hush, this two-book story was

one of the biggest hits in recent years for DC comics. Hush is intent on sabotaging Batman's reputation. A thrilling story, told with style.

### A DEATH IN THE FAMILY

A classic of 1980s Batman, and one of the Milestones in modern comics history. The Joker succeeds in killing Robin, who dies in Batman's arms, and thus the chase is on for vengeance. But will Batman actually take the Joker's life?

### ARKHAM ASYLUM

An extremely disturbing piece of graphic literature, Arkham Asylum: A Serious House on Serious Earth was written by Grant Morrison and illustrated by the renowned Dave McKean. Telling the stories of the inmates of the titular asylum as they take the place over and stage a siege, it has been a strong seller ever since its release in 1989.

### THE LONG HALLOWEEN

By Jeph Loeb and Tim Sale, The Long Halloween features the Falcone character that was seen in the film Batman Begins, and follows his story to its comics conclusion. It also covers the transition of Batman's foes from mobsters and gangsters to actual supervillains in detail.

### DARK VICTORY

From comics luminaries Jeph Loeb and Tim Sale comes this 14 issue tale (Brought together into a much loved graphic novel), is the sequel to The Long Halloween. Featuring Two-face, this is a noir-ish murder mystery following Batman on the trail of a serial killer who is offing police officers in Gotham.

### WAR GAMES

This is an epic story told over three volumes, which crossed over the whole family of Batman related DC comics titles. A

tale of Batman trying to end a vicious gang war, it one of the most hard-hitting Batman stories of recent years.

### BRUCE WAYNE: MURDERER?

When Bruce discovers the dead body of his girlfriend, Vesper Fairchild, in Wayne Manor, the police arrive and charge him with her murder! The other Batman characters are unable to work out the mystery, and thus Bruce breaks out of jail and vows to just live as Batman until the case is solved.

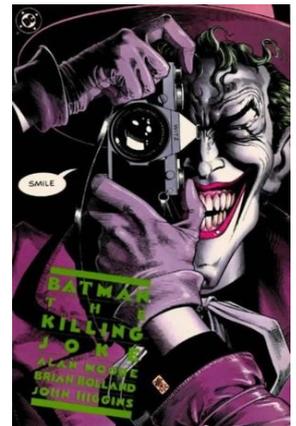
### BRUCE WAYNE: FUGITIVE

The story that began with Bruce Wayne: Murderer concludes with a frantic tale of Batman and his colleagues piecing the facts together and discovering a conspiracy to discredit him forever as a murderer, with a surprising culprit behind the whole thing...

These are amongst the most seminal works of the Batman's adventures in comics, and are a must for the bookshelf of any fan of the character or the medium. Captured in these pages is the essence of one of the most recognizable icons in all of popular culture. With more feature films on the way in this new series, there seems to be no stopping the Dark Knight in his battle against crime. This is a good thing, as we always need a hero, even one with so many troubles.

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### WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO:

WATCHMEN

UNDERWORLD: RISE OF  
THE LYCANS

MORTAL KOMBAT VS DC  
UNIVERSE

TOMB RAIDER: UNDER-  
WORLD

NEW COMIC DAY!

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Our home on the web, collectibles, action figures, posters, life size stand-ups, statues, calendars and much, much more available.

[WWW.VIDEOGAMESTARSTORE.COM](http://WWW.VIDEOGAMESTARSTORE.COM)

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## Life in the Geek Lane...

This isn't easy, really it isn't. While the archetypal, stereotypical, clichéd view of people in our line of work is that of Tim and Bilbo from SPACED, stood behind a counter reading comics, the reality is a very different thing. I'm saying this because my back is killing me and my eyes ache from rearranging our back issue shelves (literally moving the shelves elsewhere and then refilling them), and I wanted to say a bit about how hard we work behind the scenes here, both in the store and online.

We're a small team, but we're a team nonetheless, and we all have our roles to play in the tragicomedy that is life. Sorry, I got a bit too pretentious there, even for me. It is a fascinating thing to observe, in that we all know each other's quirks and strengths, and we work hard to make sure things run smoothly. They don't always run as smooth as we'd like, and aside from the odd mishap I think we do

pretty damn well. With us being situated in a shopping centre, we're open til 9pm on weekdays and 10pm in the festive period, and the place is a hive of activity during those ours. Come and see for yourself.

But that's not all. Outside of the store there's the web stuff, which is going on pretty much 24 hours a day, ALL YEAR. There's always something going on here. I mean, just speaking from my own side of things as head blog bod here, I spend a great deal of time checking out cool stuff to tell you and checking up on the facts about it. I trawl through endless sites, newsletters and lots of virtual nooks and crannies in my daily search to keep myself, my colleagues and you guys up to date with stuff going on. It is my duty as a good little geek to do this for ya. We live and breathe this stuff and that's why we share it with you and want to help get it into your homes.

We're always keeping an eye out for new

things to offer and talk about, always looking for the next item people are going to love, and I can tell you, it takes it out of you, but we love it. The internet is a great tool for us to keep up to speed with what you guys are after, and also for us to find out about the latest developments ourselves. My inbox is bursting with info from the hottest toy, film and comics companies on a daily basis, which is great but there just isn't enough time in the day or energy in my fingers to tell you about it all. We do try though.

I guess what I'm trying to get across is that there's a bunch of people working very hard behind the cool exterior of our website or the chatty blogs we offer all over the net. This ain't a machine you're ordering from- we do it all for you at every stage, and every one of us is grateful that you took the time to visit us.

Thanks folks, you (and you, and you and YOU) make it all worthwhile...