

Never Before Collected Material in Witchblade Volume 3!

Trade Volume Features a New Cover by Stjepan Sejic!

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Top Cow Productions' re-branding of the *Witchblade* trade paperback line continues in March 2008 with *Witchblade Volume 3* trade paperback. The trade paperback collects *Witchblade* #93-100 along with *Witchblade: Bearers of the Blade*, which have never been collected.

Witchblade Volume 3 trade paperback is written by Ron Marz (*First Born*, *Green Lantern*) and drawn by Mike Choi (*X-Men*, *X-23: Target X*) with additional art by Stephen Sadowski (*JSA*, *Superpowers*) and Adriana Melo (*Ms. Marvel*). The trade includes the landmark issue #100, which planted the initial seeds for 2007's *First Born* event along with a cover gallery including work by Steve McNiven (*Civil War*), Terry Dodson (*Wonder Woman*), Marc Silvestri (*X-Men: Messiah CompleX*), Cary Nord (*Conan The Barbarian*), and Joseph Michael Linsner (*Dark Ivory*). The trade also contains some of the hallmark issues of the Marz and Choi run on *Witchblade* including the return of fan-favorite foil Ian Nottingham.

"The issues collected in the volume, especially issue #100, really pull together a lot of the threads Mike and I had been weaving since we started on the book. So I think it reads as a culmination of the story Mike and I were telling, but also lays the groundwork for what comes next. So hopefully it works as an ending as well as a beginning," stated writer, Marz.

Witchblade Volume 3 trade paperback will feature an original cover by Stjepan Sejic and carry an SRP of \$14.99. Additional information regarding *Witchblade* can be found at www.topcow.com.

Art attached: *Witchblade Volume 3* trade paperback cover

Top Cow was founded in December of 1992 by artist Marc Silvestri who also co-founded Image Comics in the same year. Top Cow currently publishes its line of comic books in 21 languages in over 55 different countries. The company has launched 20 franchises (18 original and 2 licensed) in the industry's Top 10, seven at #1, a feat accomplished by no other publisher in the last two decades. Its flagship franchise *Witchblade* was TNT's #1 original film of 2000 and the first American property to be fully adapted in Japan as an original anime and manga by Studio GONZO in 2006. Top Cow's other flagship property, *The Darkness* was developed into a major next generation video game release by Starbreeze and 2K Games and achieved sell out and Platinum sales status. *Wanted* is currently in production as a major motion picture from Universal Pictures starring Angelina Jolie, James McAvoy, and Morgan Freeman and slated for release June 27th, 2008. Virtually all of Top Cow's other properties are in development as feature films, live action television, animation or video games. Top Cow has also successfully licensed and merchandised its franchises into toys, statues, clothing, lithographs, puppets, posters, magnets, shot glasses, lighters, lunch pails, wall scrolls, mouse pads, die cast cars, calendars, Christmas ornaments, Halloween masks, trading cards, standees, video games and role playing games.

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