

WITCHBLADE'S REBIRTH COLLECTED First Five Issues Offered in Introductory-Priced Trade Paperback

Image Comics and Top Cow Productions are offering fans an opportunity to catch up on the first five WITCHBLADE issues, hot off the Top Cow Universe-altering events of ARTIFACTS #13 and WITCHBLADE #150, with **WITCHBLADE: REBIRTH VOLUME ONE** trade paperback!

With an introductory price of \$9.99, readers can easily discover the series that has everyone buzzing. The collection, by the passionate new creative team of Tim Seeley (HACK/SLASH, BLOODSTRIKE) and Diego Bernard (The Man With No Name), along with Top Cow's new REBIRTH continuity, provide an ideal jumping-on point for new readers.

Additionally, Top Cow's Free Comic Book Day features WITCHBLADE: UNBALANCED PIECES, a prologue to the story in REBIRTH VOLUME ONE — and readers will want to know how it unfolds!

In the wake of Top Cow's REBIRTH, Sara Pezzini has relocated from New York to Chicago and struggles to adapt to her new job as a private detective. Pezzini quickly discovers that a change of scenery and occupation hasn't changed one thing... the Witchblade is still a magnet for the supernatural. Quickly drawn into a conflict between two mystical gangs, she must once again balance her responsibility as bearer of the Witchblade with her personal life.

Seeley and Bernard's bold new direction for Top Cow's flagship character coupled with a stunning painted cover by John Tyler Christopher (ARTIFACTS), a complete cover gallery alongside a host of bonus content and extras make this entry-level priced collection a must for anyone curious about Top Cow's REBIRTH.

"Witchblade #151 is exactly the kind of book you need to create if you are looking to hook new readers." - Panel Patter

□ "Diego Bernard, much like Tim Seeley, is a fantastic fit for the series." - Horror Haven

"...great story and gorgeous art..." Geeks of Doom

"Consider me hooked." - Geekadelphia

WITCHBLADE REBIRTH VOLUME 1 is a full-color, 144-page trade paperback that collects issues #151-#155 retailing for \$9.99 and will be in stores May 16th, 2012.

ABOUT TOP COW PRODUCTIONS INC.

Top Cow Productions, Inc. (www.topcow.com), a Los Angeles-based entertainment company, was founded in December of 1992 by artist Marc Silvestri, who also co-founded Image Comics earlier that 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 two licensed), including its flagship franchise WITCHBLADE, THE DARKNESS, and WANTED, in the industry's Top 10, seven at #1, a feat accomplished by no other publisher in the last two decades. Top Cow has also successfully licensed and merchandised its franchises into toys, statues, clothing, video games and roleplaying games.

ABOUT IMAGE COMICS

Image Comics is a comic book and graphic novel publisher founded in 1992 by a collective of best-selling artists. Image has since gone on to become one of the largest comics publishers in the United States. Image currently has five partners: Robert Kirkman, Erik Larsen, Todd McFarlane, Marc Silvestri and Jim Valentino. It consists of five major houses: Todd McFarlane Productions, Top Cow Productions, Shadowline, Skybound and Image Central. Image publishes comics and graphic novels in nearly every genre, sub-genre, and style imaginable. It offers science fiction, romance, horror, crime fiction, historical fiction, humor and more by the finest artists and writers working in the medium today. For more information, visit www.imagecomics.com.