

COMIC BOOK HISTORY Who is BLADE? Blade, whose real name is Eric Brooks, is a Marvel Comics fictional character. He is a superhero/vampire hunter. The character was created by writer Marv Wolfman and penciller Gene Colan, his first appearance was in the comic book The Tomb of Dracula #10 (July 1973). BLADE's first Comicbook Appearance Blade was born in London, England at some time in the late nineteenth century. Blade's mother a prostitute was in labor with Eric, when a vampire named Deacon Frost feasted on her. The attacked killed Blade's mother but the infant was saved when the attacker was driven off before he could prey on the young Eric. The vampire's bite passed along certain enzymes to the infant, which resulted in Blade's quasi-vampiric abilities. Blade started his career in vampire killing when he helped an old man, Jamal Afari, killing his three vampire attackers. Afari who is

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