

Not long ago, while at a family gathering in which we celebrated my birthday, I received the trade version of the Batman Knightfall series. My nephew, who is getting ready to turn 9 years old wanted to look through them as he is a fan of Batman (and numerous other comic book characters). His dad asked to go through them first to make sure they were appropriate for him to see. This action got me to thinking: How young is too young to read comics? My brother did allow him to look through the comics and I asked him if that is something he'd let his kids read and at what age. As expected, he replied with "it all depends on the book and the story," and that he'd have to approve it. Along the same lines, I had some copies of Joss Whedon's Astonishing X-Men at work. One of my associates,

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