

At the outset, it should be emphasized that I'm a DC guy. Particularly Superman. I probably discovered the character way back at the ripe old age of five (which happened to coincide with the fifth year of the '60s) via reruns of the George Reeves series and my newfound love for the character in comic books. Growing up I had hundreds of Man of Steel-related comics and thrilled to each new incarnation, whether it was via the Filmation cartoons, the Christopher Reeve films, Lois & Clark (at least the first year), Smallville and so on. I was DC all the way. But, damn, if Marvel hasn't worked its way into my heart, probably starting with The X-Men, continuing with Sam Raimi's first two Spider-Man films and on to such recent efforts as Iron Man, Incredible Hulk, Thor, Captain America and, of course, The Avengers. And, truthfully, as I've watched Marvel soar, I've

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