

List of SuperHero debuts

The following is a list of the first known appearances of various [superhero fictional characters](#) and teams.

A **superhero** (also known as a **super hero**) is a [fictional character](#) "of unprecedented physical prowess dedicated to acts of derring-do in the public interest."^[1] Since the debut of the [prototypal](#) superhero [Superman](#) in 1938, stories of superheroes — ranging from brief episodic adventures to continuing years-long sagas — have dominated [American comic books](#) and crossed over into other [media](#). A [female](#) superhero is sometimes called a **superheroine** or **super heroine**.

By most definitions, characters need not have actual superhuman powers to be deemed superheroes, although sometimes terms such as **costumed crimefighters**^[2] are used to refer to those without such powers who have many other common traits of superheroes.

1850-1900

[Penny Dreadful](#)

Character / Team / Series	Year Debuted	Creator/s	First Appearance
Spring Heeled Jack	1867	George A. Sala or Alfred Burrage as "Charlton Lea"	<i>Spring-Heeled Jack, the Terror of London</i>

The folkloric Spring Heeled Jack came to be featured in a series of Penny Dreadfuls, first as a villain, then as a crime-fighter with a disguise, secret lair, and gadgets, hallmarks of superheroes.^[3]

1900-1909

Play

Character / Team / Series	Year Debuted	Creator/s	First Appearance
The Scarlet Pimpernel	1903	Baroness Emmuska Orczy	<i>The Scarlet Pimpernel</i>

The often cited as perhaps the earliest superhero akin to those to become popularized through American comic books.^{[4][5][6][7]}

1910s

Magazine

Character / Team /	Year Debuted	Creator/s	First Appearance
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Series			
The Night Wind	1913	Varick Vanardy ^[8] (Frederick Van Rensselaer Dey)	<i>Alias the Night Wind</i>
The Scarecrow	1915	Russell Thorndike	<i>Doctor Syn: A Tale of the Romney Marsh</i>
Zorro	1919	Johnston McCulley	"The Curse of Capistrano" <i>All Weekly Story</i>

1920s

Notable non-superhero characters that influenced the superhero genre

Character / Team	Year Debuted	Creator/s	Media	Comment
Buck Rogers in the 25th Century A.D	January 7, 1929	Philip Francis Nowlan	Newspaper Comic	Adapted from the story Armageddon 2419 A.D. that appeared in the August 1928 issue of the pulp magazine Amazing Stories . This issue was also notable for the debut of Doc Smith's The Skylark of Space , and the cover illustration of a man flying through the use of a strange scientific apparatus.

1930s

Radio

Character / Team / Series	Year Debuted	Creator/s	First Appearance
The Shadow (as announcer voice)	1930 (July 31)	Maxwell Grant(Walter B. Gibson)	<i>Detective Stories</i>
The Lone Ranger	1933 (January 30)	George W. Trendle	<i>The Lone Ranger</i>
Tonto	1933 (February 25)	Fran Striker	<i>The Lone Ranger</i>
The Green Hornet and Kato	1936 (January 31)	George W. Trendle and Fran Striker	<i>The Green Hornet</i>

Pulp fiction

Character / Team / Series	Year Debuted	Creator/s	First Appearance
The Shadow (as character)	1931 (April 1)	Maxwell Grant (Walter B. Gibson)	"The Living Shadow" <i>The Shadow</i>

			<i>Magazine #1</i>
Doc Savage	1933 (March)	Kenneth Robeson (Lester Dent)	<i>The Man of Bronze</i>
The Avenger	1939 (September 1)	Kenneth Robeson (Paul Ernst)	"Justice, Inc." <i>The Avenger Magazine #1</i>

Newspaper comics

Character / Team / Series	Year Debuted	Creator/s	Series
Mandrake the Magician	1934 (June 11)	Lee Falk	<i>Mandrake the Magician</i>
The Phantom Magician ^[9]	1935 (April 15)	Mel Graff	<i>The Adventures of Patsy</i> ^[10]
The Phantom	1936 (February 17)	Lee Falk	<i>The Phantom</i>

Comic book

Character / Team	Year Debuted	Creator/s	First Appearance
Doctor Occult (Doctor Mystic)	1935 (October)	Jerry Siegel , Joe Shuster	<i>New Fun Comics</i> #6
The Clock	1936 (November)	George Brenner	<i>Funny Pages</i> #6 or <i>Funny Picture Stories</i> #1
Sheena, Queen of the Jungle	1937	Will Eisner and S.M. "Jerry" Iger	<i>Wags</i> #1
Superman	1938 (June)	Jerry Siegel , Joe Shuster	<i>Action Comics</i> #1
Zatara	1938 (June)	Fred Guardineer	<i>Action Comics</i> #1
Arrow	1938 (September)	Paul Gustavson	<i>Funny Pages</i> vol. 2 #10 (or #21)
Crimson Avenger	1938 (October)	Jim Chambers	<i>Detective Comics</i> #20
Namor the Sub-Mariner	1939 (April)	Bill Everett	<i>Motion Picture Funnies Weekly</i> #1
Batman	1939 (May)	Bob Kane , Bill Finger	<i>Detective Comics</i> #27
Wonder Man (Fox)	1939 (May)	Will Eisner	<i>Wonder Comics</i> #1
The Flame (Gary Preston)	1939 (June)	Will Eisner	<i>Wonderworld Comics</i> #3
The Sandman	1939 (July)	Gardner Fox , Bert Christman	<i>World's Fair Comics</i> #1
Blue Beetle (Dan Garret)	1939 (August)	Charles Nicholas	<i>Mystery Men Comics</i> #1

Bozo the Iron Man	1939 (August)	George Brenner	<i>Smash Comics</i> #1
Amazing Man (Centaur Publications)	1939 (September)	Bill Everett	<i>Amazing-Man Comics</i> #5
The Angel	1939 (October)	Paul Gustavson	<i>Marvel Comics</i> #1
The Human Torch (original)	1939 (October)	Carl Burgos	<i>Marvel Comics</i> #1
Shock Gibson	1939 (October)	Maurice Scott	<i>Speed Comics</i> #1
Doll Man	1939 (December)	Will Eisner	<i>Feature Comics</i> #27

Other media

Character / Team	Year Debuted	Creator/s	Media
Ôgon Batto (the Golden Bat)	1930	Takeo Nagamatsu	<i>Kamishibai</i> (Japanese scroll show)

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Dan Dunn	1933	Norman Marsh	Original Comic Book Character
Dick Tracy	1931; October 4	Chester Gould	Newspaper Comic
Flash Gordon	1934; January 7	Alex Raymond	Newspaper Comic

1940s

Newspaper comics

Character / Team / Series	Year Debuted	Creator/s	Series
The Spirit	1940 (June 2)	Will Eisner	<i>The Spirit</i>
Invisible Scarlet O'Neil	1940 (June 3)	Russell Stamm	<i>Invisible Scarlet O'Neil</i>

Comic book

Character / Team / Series	Year Debuted	Creator/s	First Appearance
Flash	1940 (January)	Gardner Fox , Harry Lampert	<i>Flash Comics</i> #1
Hawkman	1940 (January)	Gardner Fox	<i>Flash Comics</i> #1
Johnny Thunder	1940 (January)	John W. Wentworth, Stan Asch	<i>Flash Comics</i> #1

The Shield (Archie)	1940 (January)	Harry Shorten, Irv Novick	Pep Comics #1
Captain Marvel	1940 (February)	C. C. Beck , Bill Parker	Whiz Comics #2
Electro (comics)	1940 (February)	Steve Dahlman	Marvel Mystery #4
The Spectre	1940 (February)	Jerry Siegel	More Fun Comics #52
Hourman	1940 (March)	Ken Fitch, Bernard Bailey	Adventure Comics #48
Black Marvel	1940 (March)	Stan Lee , Al Gabriele	Mystic Comics #5
Blazing Skull	1940 (March)		Mystic Comics #5
Robin, the Boy Wonder	1940 (April)	Bill Finger , Bob Kane , Jerry Robinson	Detective Comics #38
Bulletman and Bulletgirl	1940 (May)	Bill Parker	Nickel Comics #1
Doctor Fate	1940 (May)	Gardner Fox , Howard Sherman	More Fun Comics #55
Uncle Sam (Quality Comics)	1940 (July)	Will Eisner	National Comics #1
Green Lantern	1940 (July)	Martin Nodell , Bill Finger	All-American Comics #16
Red Tornado	1940 (November)	Sheldon Mayer	All-American Comics #20
Justice Society of America	1940 (Winter)	Gardner Fox	All Star Comics #3
Daredevil (Gleason Publications)	1940	Jack Binder	Silver Streak #6
Quicksilver	1940	Jack Cole , Chuck Mazoujian	National Comics #5
The Red Bee	1940	Toni Blum , Charles Nicholas	Hit Comics #1
Scarlet Avenger	1940	Harry Shorten, Irv Novick	Zip Comics #1
Doc Strange	1940	Richard E. Hughes , Alexander Kostuk	Thrilling Comics #1
Sargon the Sorcerer	1941 (May)	John B. Wentworth , Howard Purcell	All American Comics #26
Mr. America (Americommando)	1941 (June)		Action Comics #33
711	1941 (August)	George Brenner	Police Comics #1
Aquaman	1941 (November)	Mort Weisinger , Paul Norris	More Fun Comics #73
The Atom	1941	Ben Flinton , Bill	All-American Comics

		O'Conner	#19
Blackhawk	1941	Will Eisner , Chuck Cuidera	<i>Military Comics</i> #1
Black Terror	1941	Richard E. Hughes, Don Gabrielson	<i>Exciting Comics</i> #9
Captain America	1941	Joe Simon , Jack Kirby	<i>Captain America</i> #1
Captain Flag	1941	Joe Blair, Lin Streeter	<i>Blue Ribbon Comics</i> #16
Captain Marvel, Jr.	1941	Ed Herron , Mac Raboy	<i>Whiz Comics</i> #25
Catwoman	1941	Bill Finger , Bob Kane	<i>Batman</i> #1
Green Arrow and Speedy	1941	Mort Weisinger , Greg Papp	<i>More Fun Comics</i> #73
The Human Bomb	1941	Paul Gustavson	<i>Police Comics</i> #1
Johnny Quick	1941	Mort Weisinger , Chad Grothkopf	<i>More Fun Comics</i> #71
Miss America (DC Comics)	1941	Quality Comics	<i>Military Comics</i> #1
Professor Supermind and Son	1941	Dell Comics	<i>Popular Comics</i> #60
Nelvana of the Northern Lights	1941	Adrian Dingle	<i>Triumph Comics</i> #1
Phantom Lady	1941	Arthur Peddy	<i>Police Comics</i> #1
Plastic Man	1941	Jack Cole (artist)	<i>Police Comics</i> #1
Sandy the Golden Boy	1941	Joe Simon and Jack Kirby	<i>Adventure Comics</i> #69
Seven Soldiers of Victory	1941	Mort Weisinger	<i>Leading Comics</i> #1
Starman (Ted Knight)	1941	Gardner Fox , Jack Burnley	<i>Adventure Comics</i> #61
The Whizzer	1941	Writer unknown; Al Avison & Al Gabriele , artists	<i>USA Comics</i> #1
American Crusader	1941 (August)	Writer and artist unknown	<i>Thrilling Comics</i> #19
Liberator (Nedor)	1941 (December)	Writer and artist unknown	<i>Exciting Comics</i> #15
Air Wave	1942 (February)	Murray Boltinoff or Mort Weisinger , and Lee Harris	<i>Detective Comics</i> #60
Johnny Canuck (as	1942 (February)	Leo Bachle	<i>Dime Comics</i> #1

superhero)			
Manhunter (Dan Richards)	1942 (March)		<i>Police Comics</i> #8
Manhunter (Paul Kirk)	1942 (April)	Jack Kirby , Joe Simon	<i>Adventure Comics</i> #73
Commando Yank	1942 (July)		<i>Wow Comics</i> #6
Captain Commando [8]	1942 (August)	S.M. "Jerry" Iger , Alex Blum	<i>Pep Comics</i> #30
Kid Eternity	1942	Otto Binder , Sheldon Moldoff	<i>Hit Comics</i> #25
Mister Terrific (comics) (Terry Sloane)	1942	Chuck Reizenstein, Hal Sharp	<i>Sensation Comics</i> #1
Mary Marvel	1942	Otto Binder , Marc Swayze	<i>Captain Marvel Adventures</i> #18
Robotman	1942	Jerry Siegel , Leo Nowak	<i>Star-Spangled Comics</i> #7
Superboy	1944	Don Cameron, Jerry Siegel , Joe Shuster	<i>More Fun Comics</i> #101
Wildcat (comics)	1942	Bill Finger , Irwin Hasen	<i>Sensation Comics</i> #1
Wonder Woman	1941	Charles Moulton(William Moulton Marston), H. G. Peter	<i>All Star Comics</i> #8 / <i>Sensation Comics</i> #1
Canada Jack	1943 (March)	George Menendez Rae	<i>Canadian Heroes</i> Vol. 1, #5 [9]
Miss America (Marvel Comics)	1943 (November)	Otto Binder , Al Gabriele	<i>Marvel Mystery Comics</i> #49
Grim Reaper (Nedor)	1944 (May)	Author unknown, artist Al Camy	<i>Fighting Yank</i> #7
All-Winners Squad	1946 (Fall)	Martin Goodman , Bill Finger	<i>All Winners Comics</i> #19
Black Canary	1947 (August)	Robert Kanigher , Carmine Infantino	<i>Flash Comics</i> #86
Moon Girl	1947 (Fall)	Gardner Fox , Sheldon Moldoff	<i>The Happy Houligans</i> #1
Golden Girl (Betsy Ross)	1947 (December)		<i>Captain America</i> #1 (As Betsy Ross); <i>Captain America</i> #66 (As Golden Girl)

Other media

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Series			
Maximo	1940	Victor Appleton	<i>Maximo, the Amazing Superman</i> (Big Little Book)

1950s

Comic book

Character / Team	Year Debuted	Creator/s	First Appearance
Captain Comet	1951 (June)	John Broome , Carmine Infantino	<i>Strange Adventures</i> #9
Phantom Stranger	1952 (August–September)	John Broome , Carmine Infantino , Sy Barry	<i>Phantom Stranger</i> #1
Marvelman (later Miracleman)	1954 (February 3)	Mick Anglo	<i>Marvelman</i> #25
Martian Manhunter	1955 (November)	Joseph Samachson , Joe Certa	<i>Detective Comics</i> #225
Flash (Barry Allen)	1956 (October)	Robert Kanigher , Carmine Infantino	<i>Showcase</i> #4
Challengers of the Unknown	1957 (February)	Jack Kirby	<i>Showcase</i> #6
Legion of Super-Heroes	1958 (April)	Mort Weisinger , Otto Binder	<i>Adventure Comics</i> #247
Adam Strange	1958 (November–December)	Gardner Fox , Mike Sekowsky	<i>Adventure Comics</i> #247
Lady Blackhawk	1959 (February)	Jack Schiff and Dick Dillin	<i>Blackhawks</i> #133
Supergirl	1959 (May)	Otto Binder , Al Plastino	<i>Superman</i> #123
The Fly (Archie Comics)	1959 (June)	Joe Simon , Jack Kirby	<i>The Double Life of Private Strong</i> #1
Green Lantern (Hal Jordan)	1959 (October)	Julius Schwartz , John Broome , Gil Kane	<i>Showcase</i> #22

Television

Character / Team / Series	Year Debuted	Creator/s	First Appearance
Captain Video	1955 (April 1)		<i>Captain Video</i>

1960s

Comic book

Character / Team / Series	Year Debuted	Creator/s	First Appearance
Captain Atom	1960 (March)	Joe Gill, Steve Ditko	<i>Space Adventures</i> #33
Elongated Man	1960 (May 12)	John Broome , Carmine Infantino	<i>The Flash</i> vol. 1 #112
Justice League	1960 (Feb.-March)	Gardner Fox	<i>The Brave and the Bold</i> #28
Fantastic Four	1961	Stan Lee , Jack Kirby	<i>The Fantastic Four</i> #1
Flygirl	1961	Robert Bernstein , John Rosenberger	<i>Adventures of the Fly</i> #13
The Jaguar	1961	Robert Bernstein	<i>The Adventures of the Jaguar</i> #1
The Hulk	1962	Stan Lee , Jack Kirby	<i>The Incredible Hulk</i> #1
Ant-Man	1962	Stan Lee , Jack Kirby	<i>Tales to Astonish</i> #27
Spider-Man	1962	Stan Lee , Steve Ditko	<i>Amazing Fantasy</i> #15
Thor	1962	Stan Lee , Jack Kirby	<i>Journey into Mystery</i> #83
Wonder Wart-Hog	1962	Gilbert Shelton	<i>Bacchanal</i>
Doctor Strange	1963	Stan Lee , Steve Ditko	<i>Strange Tales</i> #110
Doom Patrol	1963	Bob Haney , Arnold Drake , Bruno Premiani	<i>My Greatest Adventure</i> #80
Iron Man	1963	Stan Lee , Jack Kirby , Don Heck	<i>Tales of Suspense</i> #39
Magnus, Robot Fighter	1963	Chase Craig, Russ Manning	<i>Magnus Robot Fighter</i> 4000 A.D. #1
Nick Fury	1963	Stan Lee , Jack Kirby	<i>Sgt. Fury and his Howling Commandos</i> #1
Wasp	1963	Stan Lee , Jack Kirby	<i>Tales to Astonish</i> #44
X-Men	1963	Stan Lee , Jack Kirby	<i>The X-Men</i> #1
The Avengers	1963	Stan Lee , Jack Kirby , Dick Ayers	<i>Avengers</i> #1
Black Widow	1964	Stan Lee , Don Rico , Don Heck	<i>Tales of Suspense</i> #42
Daredevil	1964	Stan Lee , Bill Everett	<i>Daredevil</i> #1
Hawkeye	1964	Stan Lee , Don Heck	<i>Tales of Suspense</i> #57
Metamorpho	1964	Bob Haney , Ramona Fradon	<i>The Brave and the Bold</i> #57
Quicksilver	1964	Stan Lee , Jack Kirby	<i>X-Men</i> #4

Scarlet Witch	1964	Stan Lee , Jack Kirby	X-Men #4
Teen Titans	1964	Robert Haney , Bruno Premiani	The Brave and the Bold #54
Wonder Man	1964	Stan Lee , Jack Kirby	Avengers #9
Zatanna	1964	Gardner Fox , Murphy Anderson	Hawkman #4
Hercules	1965	Stan Lee , Jack Kirby	Journey into Mystery Annual #1
Mighty Crusaders	1965	Jerry Siegel , Paul Reinman	Fly-Man #31
Animal Man	1965	Dave Wood , Carmine Infantino	Strange Adventures #180
Black Panther	1966	Stan Lee , Jack Kirby	Fantastic Four #52
Nightshade	1966	Joe Gill , Steve Ditko	Captain Atom #82
Silver Surfer	1966	Stan Lee , Jack Kirby	Fantastic Four #48
Batgirl	1967	Gardner Fox , Carmine Infantino	Detective Comics #359
Black Knight	1967	Roy Thomas , John Buscema	The Avengers #47
Question	1967	Steve Ditko	Blue Beetle #1
Captain Marvel (Marvel)	1968	Stan Lee , Gene Colan	Marvel Super Heroes #12
Carol Danvers (a.k.a. Ms. Marvel, Binary, Warbird)	1968	Roy Thomas , Gene Colan	Marvel Super Heroes #13
Vision	1968	Roy Thomas , John Buscema	The Avengers #57
Falcon	1969	Stan Lee , Gene Colan	Captain America #117
The Creeper	1968	Steve Ditko	Showcase #73

Television

Character / Team / Series	Year Debuted	Creator/s	First Appearance
Captain Nice	1967 (January)	Buck Henry	<i>Captain Nice</i>
Mister Terrific (Stanley Beamish)	1967 (January)		<i>Mr. Terrific</i>

1970s

Comic book

Character / Team / Series	Year Debuted	Creator/s	First Appearance
Valkyrie	1970	Roy Thomas , John Buscema	<i>The Avengers #83</i>
Squadron Supreme	1971	Roy Thomas , Sal Buscema	<i>The Avengers #85-86</i>
Big Barda	1971	Jack Kirby	<i>Mister Miracle #1</i>
The Defenders	1971	Roy Thomas	<i>Marvel Feature #1</i>
The Forever People	1971	Jack Kirby	<i>The Forever People #1</i>
Mister Miracle	1971	Jack Kirby	<i>Mister Miracle #1</i>
New Gods	1971	Jack Kirby	<i>New Gods</i> #1
Swamp Thing	1971	Len Wein , Bernie Wrightson	<i>House of Secrets #92</i>
Luke Cage a.k.a. Power Man	1972	Archie Goodwin , George Tuska	<i>Luke Cage, Hero for Hire</i> #1
Ghost Rider	1972	Roy Thomas , Gary Friedrich , Mike Ploog	<i>Marvel Spotlight #5</i>
Shang-Chi	1972	Steve Englehart , Jim Starlin	<i>Special Marvel Edition</i> #15
Brother Voodoo	1973	Len Wein , Gene Colan	<i>Strange Tales</i> #169
Iron Fist	1974	Roy Thomas , Gil Kane	<i>Marvel Premiere #15</i>
Man-Thing	1974	Roy Thomas , Gerry Conway , Gray Morrow	<i>Savage Tales</i> #1
Punisher	1974	Gerry Conway , Ross Andru	<i>The Amazing Spider-Man #129</i>
Wolverine	1974	Len Wein , Herb Trimpe	<i>Incredible Hulk #180</i>
Captain Canuck	1975	Richard Comely, Ron Leishman	<i>Captain Canuck #1</i>
Moon Knight	1975	Doug Moench , Don Perlin	<i>Werewolf by Night #32</i>
Colossus	1975	Len Wein , Dave Cockrum	<i>Giant-Size X-Men</i> #1
Storm	1975	Len Wein , Dave Cockrum	<i>Giant-Size X-Men</i> #1
Nightcrawler	1975	Len Wein , Dave Cockrum	<i>Giant-Size X-Men</i> #1
Power Girl	1975	Gerry Conway	<i>All-Star Comics</i> #58
Captain Britain	1976	Chris Claremont , Herb Trimpe	<i>Captain Britain Weekly</i> #1
Black Lightning	1977	Tony Isabella ,	<i>Black Lightning #1</i>

		Trevor Von Eeden	
Captain Kremen	1977	Kenny Everett	Corgi Publishing
3-D Man	1977	Roy Thomas	<i>Marvel Premiere</i> #35
Spider-Woman	1977	Archie Goodwin , Jim Mooney	<i>Marvel Spotlight</i> #32
Firestorm	1978	Gerry Conway , Allen Milgrom	<i>Firestorm, The Nuclear Man</i> #1
Black Cat	1979	Marv Wolfman , Keith Pollard	<i>The Amazing Spider-Man</i> #194

Television

Character / Team / Series	Year Debuted	Creator/s	First Appearance
G-Force	1972		<i>Kagaku ninja tai Gatchaman</i> (<i>Battle of the Planets</i>)
Six Million Dollar Man	1973 (March 7)	Martin Caiden	<i>The Six Million Dollar Man</i> movie(based on 1972 novel <i>Cyborg</i>)
The Bionic Woman	1975 (March 16)	Kenneth Johnson	<i>The Six Million Dollar Man</i> episode: "The Bionic Woman"

1980s

Comic book

Character / Team / Series	Year Debuted	Creator/s	First Appearance
Dazzler	1980	Tom DeFalco , Louise Simonson , Roger Stern	<i>Uncanny X-Men</i> #130
She-Hulk	1980	Stan Lee , John Buscema	<i>Savage She-Hulk</i> #1
Omega Men	1981	Marv Wolfman , Joe Staton	<i>Green Lantern</i> #136
Monica Rambeau (a.k.a. Captain Marvel, Photon, Pulsar)	1982	Roger Stern , John Romita, Jr.	<i>The Amazing Spider-Man annual</i> #16
Alpha Flight	1983	Chris Claremont , John Byrne	<i>Uncanny X-Men</i> #120
New Mutants	1983	Chris Claremont	<i>The New Mutants</i> Marvel

			Graphic Novel #5
Lobo (DC Comics)	1983	Roger Slifer , Keith Giffen	<i>Omega Men</i> #3
Outsiders	1983	Mike Barr , Jim Aparo	<i>The Brave and the Bold</i> #200
American Flagg	1983	Howard Chaykin	<i>American Flagg</i> #1
Beowulf	1984	Jerry Bingham	
Femforce	1984	Bill Black , Stephanie Sanderson, Mark Heike	<i>Femforce Special</i>
Julia Carpenter (a.k.a. Spider-Woman, Arachne)	1984	Jim Shooter , Mick Zeck	<i>Secret Wars</i> #6-7
Northguard	1984	Mark Shainblum , Gabriel Morrisette	<i>New Triumph featuring Northguard</i> #1
West Coast Avengers	1984	Roger Stern , Bob Hall	<i>West Coast Avengers</i> (Vol. 1) #1
Zot	1984	Scott McCloud	<i>Zot!</i> #1
Fleur de Lys	1985	Mark Shainblum , Gabriel Morrisette	<i>New Triumph featuring Northguard</i> #5
X-Factor	1985	Bob Layton , Jackson Guice , Josef Rubinstein	<i>X-Factor</i> #1
Nagraj	1986	Sanjay Gupta (comics)	<i>Nagraj</i>
Booster Gold	1986	Dan Jurgens	<i>Booster Gold</i> #1
Savage Dragon	1986	Erik Larsen	Megaton #3
Watchmen	1986	Alan Moore , Dave Gibbons	<i>Watchmen</i> #1
Super Commando Dhruva	1987 (April)	Anupam Sinha	GENL #74 <i>Pratishodh Ki Jwala</i>
Excalibur (comics)	1988	Chris Claremont , Alan Davis	<i>Excalibur: The Sword is Drawn</i>
New Warriors	1989	Tom DeFalco , Ron Frenz	<i>Thor</i> #411

Television

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Ralph Hinkley	1981 (March)		The Greatest American

1990s

Comic book

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Deadpool	1991 (Feb.)	Rob Liefeld , Fabian Nicieza	<i>The New Mutants</i> #98
Bishop (comics)	1991	Whilce Portacio	<i>Uncanny X-Men</i> #282
Darkhawk	1991	Danny Fingeroth , Mike Manley	<i>Darkhawk</i> #1
Next Men	1991	John Byrne	
X-Force	1991 (April)	Rob Liefeld	<i>The New Mutants</i> #100
Supreme	1992	Rob Liefeld	<i>Youngblood</i> #3
Eternal Warrior	1992		<i>Solar: Man of the Atom</i> #10
Jesse Quick (daughter of Johnny Quick and Liberty Belle)	1992	Len Strazewski , Mike Parobeck	<i>Justice Society of America</i> (vol. 2) #1
Spawn	1992	Todd McFarlane	<i>Spawn</i> #1
War Machine	1992	Len Kaminski , Kev Hopgood	<i>Iron Man</i> #281
Hellboy	1993	Mike Mignola	<i>Next Men</i> #21
Stormwatch	1993 (March)	Jim Lee	<i>Stormwatch</i> #1
Doga	1993	Sanjay Gupta (comics) , Tarun Kumar Wahi , Manu	<i>Curfew</i>
Generation X	1994	Scott Lobdell , Chris Bachalo	<i>Uncanny X-Men</i> #318
Static	1993	Dwayne McDuffie , John Paul Leon	<i>Static</i> #1
Starman (Jack Knight)	1994	James Robinson , Tony Harris	<i>Starman</i> #0
X-Man	1995	Jeph Loeb , Steve Skroce	<i>X-Man</i> #1
The Thunderbolts	1997	Kurt Busiek , Mark Bagley	<i>The Incredible Hulk</i> #449
The Authority	1999	Warren Ellis , Bryan Hitch	<i>The Authority</i> vol. 1 #1

Movies

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The Rocketeer	1991	Dave Stevens	
Meteor Man	1993		

Television

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Power Rangers	1993	Haim Saban	Mighty Morphin Power Rangers
Shaktimaan	1997	Mukesh Khanna , Dinker Jani	Shaktimaan

2000's

Comic book

Character / Team / Series	Year Debuted	Creator/s	First Appearance
Black Fox (Dr. Robert William Paine)	2000	Roger Stern , John Byrne	Marvel: The Lost Generation #12
Buzz	2000	Tom DeFalco , Ron Frenz	Spider-Girl #18
Night Eagle	2000	J.M. DeMatteis , Mike Miller	The Adventures of Superman #586
Sentry	2000	Paul Jenkins , Jae Lee , Rick Veitch	The Sentry #1
Typeface	2000	Paul Jenkins , Mark Buckingham	Peter Parker: Spider-Man v2 #23
Orpheus	2001	Alex Simmons, Dwayne Turner	Batman: Orpheus Rising #1
Spike	2001	Peter Milligan , Mike Allred	X-Force #121
Ultimate Marvel characters	2001	various	Ultimate Spider-Man #1
X-Statix	2001	Peter Milligan , Mike Allred	X-Force #116
X-Treme X-Men	2001	Chris Claremont	X-Treme X-Men #1
Runaways	2002	Brian K. Vaughan , Adrian Alphona	Runaways vol. 1 #1

Invincible	2002	Robert Kirkman , Cory Walker	<i>Noble Causes: Family Secrets #3</i>
Super Buddies	2003	Keith Giffen , J. M. DeMatteis , Kevin Maguire , Joe Rubinstein	<i>Formerly Known as the Justice League #1</i>
X-23	2003	Craig Kyle	<i>NYX #3</i>
Anya Corazon	2004	Fiona Avery , Mark Brooks	<i>Amazing Fantasy vol. 2 #1</i>
Doc Frankenstein	2004	Geof Darrow , Steve Skroce , Wachowski Brothers	<i>Doc Frankenstein #1</i>
Freakshow	2004	Chris Claremont	<i>Excalibur vol. 3 #1</i>
Young Avengers	2005	Allan Heinberg , Jim Cheung	<i>Young Avengers #1</i>
Blue Beetle (Jaime Reyes)	2006	Keith Giffen , John Rogers , Cully Hamner	<i>Infinite Crisis #5</i>
Crimson Chin	2006	Butch Hartman	<i>Fairly Odd Parents #1</i>
Miss Martian	2006	Geoff Johns , Tony Daniel	<i>Teen Titans vol. 3, #37</i>
Atomic Robo	2007	Brian Clevinger , Scott Wegener	<i>Atomic Robo #46</i>
Bob, Agent of HYDRA	2007	Fabian Nicieza	<i>Cable & Deadpool #38</i>
Forerunner	2007	Jimmy Palmiotti , Justin Gray, Jesus Saiz.	<i>Countdown #46</i>
Anna Mercury	2008	Warren Ellis	<i>Anna Mercury #1</i>
Blue Marvel	2008	Kevin Greivoux	<i>Adam: Legend of the Blue Marvel #1</i>
Kick-Ass	2008	Mark Millar	<i>Kick-Ass #1</i>
She-Hulk (Lyra)	2008	Jeff Parker , Mitch Breitweiser	<i>Hulk: Raging Thunder #1</i>
Achilles Warkiller	2009	Gail Simone , Aaron Lopresti	<i>Wonder Woman (vol. 3) #30</i>
Haunt	2009	Robert Kirkman , Todd McFarlane	<i>Haunt #1</i>
King Chimera	2009	Matthew Sturges , Fernando Pasarin	<i>Justice Society of America (vol. 3) #24</i>
Mot	2009	Nick Simmons	<i>Incarnate #1</i>
Soundman	2012	Brian Bondurant	"Power Couple!" (part of Kumate Works)

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Movies

Character / Team / Series	Year Debuted	Creator/s	First Appearance
The Incredibles , Frozone	2004	Brad Bird	The Incredibles
Sky High students and graduates	2005	Paul Hernandez, Robert Schooley, Mark McCorkle	Sky High
John Hancock	2008	Vincent Ngo	Hancock
Cutthroat, Charge, Shadow, The Wall	2011	Jason Trost	Vs
Andrew Detmer, Matt Garetty, Steve Montgomery	2012	Max Landis , Josh Trank	Chronicle

Television

Character / Team / Series	Year Debuted	Creator/s	First Appearance
Danny Phantom	2004	Butch Hartman	Danny Phantom
Powell family	2010	Greg Berlanti , Jon Harmon Feldman	No Ordinary Family
The Cape	2011	Tom Wheeler	The Cape

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