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# THE CHARACTERS



# AMERICAN CRUSADER

Archibald "Archie" Masters

CREATED BY:

Max Plaisted (1902-1956)

## HISTORY & BIO

Archie Masters is a timid astronomy professor, teaching at the Grand University in the eastern United States.

Lost in his thoughts, he accidentally accesses a lab in which an experimental atom smasher is being tested. Bathed by atomic radiations, he is endowed with superpowers.

He uses his newly acquired abilities to fight crime as the patriotic American Crusader. In his civilian identity, he keeps pretending to be the geek he was before the accident to the frustration of his secretary, Jane Peters, who would have loved to be his girlfriend.



Later on, Archie resigns from the University to fight the Nazis on the European front (Thrilling comics #34 - Mar. 1943). Jane Peters joins the army as a war nurse (Thrilling Comics #35 - May 1943). In Europe, Archie meets Mickey Martin, an American teenager who was in France when the Nazi forces invaded it (Thrilling Comics #39 - Dec. 1943). Mickey becomes his sidekick.



## **POWERS**

*American Crusader possesses super strength, invulnerability and the power of flight.*



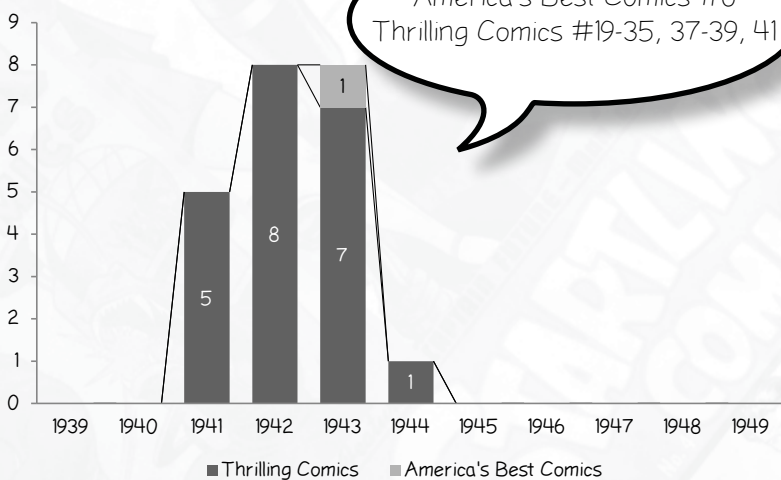
# AMERICAN CRUSADER

## GOLDEN AGE APPEARANCES

First Appearance:  
Thrilling Comics #19  
(Aug. 1941)



Last Appearance:  
Thrilling Comics #41  
(Apr. 1944)



America's Best Comics #6  
Thrilling Comics #19-35, 37-39, 41

# AMERICAN CRUSADER

## MODERN APPEARANCES

### **AC Comics**

*FemForce V1* (1-163, 1985-2013) #29-31, 34-36, 59, 60, 67, 127, 156-158

*Femforce: Out of the Asylum Special V1* (oneshot, 1987)

*Fighting Yank V1* (1-5, 2001-2002) #5

*Fighting Yank and the Sentinels of America V1* (oneshot, 2003)

*N.E.D.O.R. Agent V1 #0* (flipbook FF#158, Feb. 2012)

*Official Golden-Age Hero and Heroine Directory V1* (oneshot, 1997)

*American Crusader* (Matt Masters) is one of the Vault Heroes, put in suspended animation and released decades later to fight the forces of evil.

He is a member of the Sentinels of America along with other Nedor heroes.

He fights alongside *Fighting Yank* in his own series.

He also appears in the *N.E.D.O.R. Agents*, an alternate reality in which classic heroes of the 40s band together alongside their inheritors and proteges such as *Pyrogirl*, *Fighting Yank jr.* and *Candi Future*.

### **America's Best Comics**

*ABC A-Z: Terra Obscura & Splash Brannigan* (oneshot, 2006)

*Terra Obscura V1* (1-6, 2003-2004) #1, 3, 4

*Terra Obscura V2* (1-6, 2004-2005) #4, 6

*Tom Strong V1* (1-36, 1999-2006) #12

*Tom Strong and the Planet of Peril V1* (ongoing, 2013) #1, 4, 5

Captured by aliens in 1969 and left in suspended animation American Crusader is released in 2000. He has problems adapting to the changes around him and becomes an alcoholic. He is a member of S.M.A.S.H.

### **Dynamite Entertainment**

*Black Terror* V1 (1-14, 2008-2011) #1-3, 5-8

*Project Superpowers* V2 (preview(p), 0-12, 2009-2010) #9-12

*Project Superpowers: Meet the Bad Guys...* V1 (1-4, 2009) #1

*Codename Action* V1 (ongoing, 2013) #1

After the heroes of Golden Age are trapped by the Fighting Yank in the Urn of Pandora, the original American Crusader, Archie Masters, accepts to be cloned by the Government to create an army of American superheroes. The strain of the cloning process put him in a coma. *Black Terror* investigates the disappearance of American Crusader and manages to free him from the clone factory. However, he is not able to save his life. Archie's powers are passed to Marcus Chamberlain who becomes the new American Crusader.

### **Heroes Inc. web-comics (2009-2011)**

*American Crusader* is the lead scientist of the project through which the heroes of WWII are created. Present day, he collects blood samples from the Golden Age super-humans to develop the next generation of heroes. He is married to Miss Masque.

### **Metahuman Press**

*Living Legends web-tales* (1-25, 2008)

*Tales of the Living Legends web-comics* (2009)

*American Crusader* appears as his original Golden Age self.

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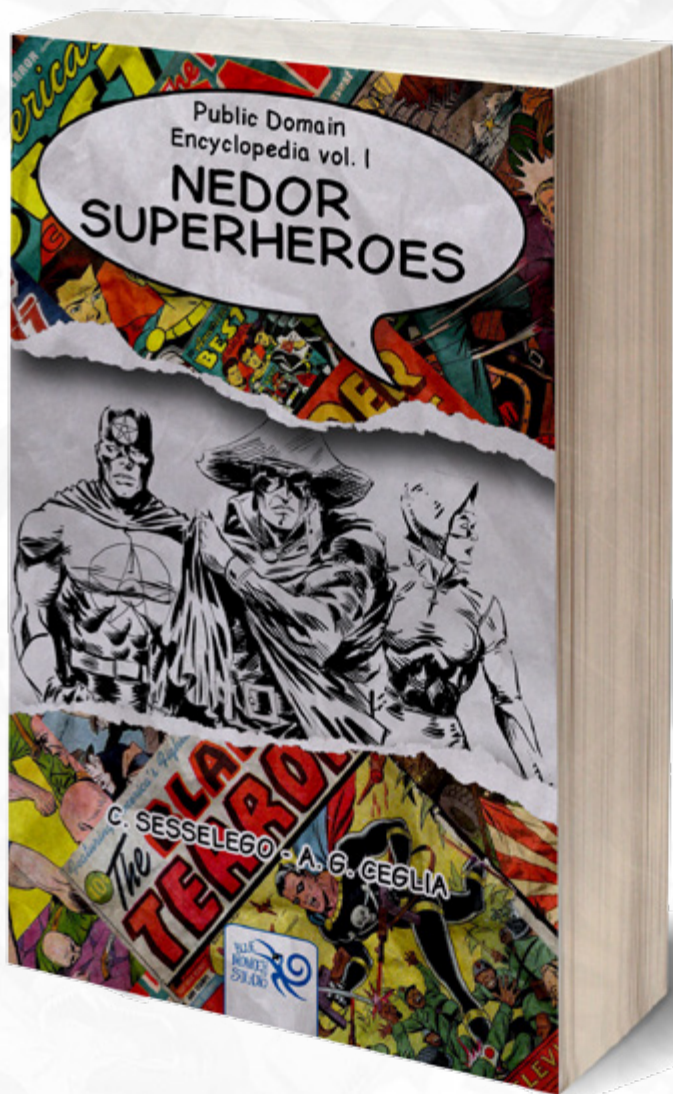
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