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## **Synopsis**

Blue Beetle is the name of three fictional superheroes who appear in a number of American comic books published by a variety of companies since 1939. The most recent of the companies to own rights to the Blue Beetle is DC Comics who bought the rights to the character in 1983, using the name for three distinct characters over the years. The original Blue Beetle was created by Fox Comics and later owned by Charlton Comics. The first Beetle was Dan Garrett, who initially gained super powers from a special vitamin, which was later changed to gaining powers from a "sacred scarab". The original Blue Beetle was featured not only in his own comic but also a weekly radio serial. The Second Blue Beetle was created by Charlton and later taken over by DC Comics, who then killed him off, only to introduce a Third Blue Beetle at a later date. The original Blue Beetle, Dan Garret, first appeared in Fox Comics' Mystery Men Comics #1 (cover-dated August 1939), with art by Charles Nicholas Wojtkoski (as Charles Nicholas); though the Grand Comics Database tentatively credits Will Eisner as the scripter. A rookie police officer, he wore a special bulletproof costume and took "Vitamin 2X" which endowed him with super-energy, and he was assisted by a neighborhood pharmacist in his fight against crime. Blue Beetle starred in a comic book series, comic strip and radio serial, but like most Golden Age superheroes, he fell into obscurity in the 1950s. The comic book series saw a number of anomalies in publication: 19 issues, #12 through #30, were published through Holyoke Publishing; no issue #43 was published; publication frequency varied throughout the run; and there were gaps where issues were not published, with large ones occurring in early 1947 and between mid-1948 and early 1950. This book contains the first four complete original comic books published by Fox Features â " the first issue is dated Winter, 1940 but was published in late 1939; it has the back-story that originally appeared in the August issue of Mystery Men Comics â " due to Blue Beetleâ 's instant popularity, his own comic book was rushed into print, and, like Superman, Blue â 'I Donâ 't Need No Stinkinâ ' Capeâ ' Beetle is still with us today. ENJOY!

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