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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Comic Book Collection
Identifier:	NASM.XXXX.1114
Date:	(bulk 1954-1978)
Extent:	0.9 Cubic feet ((2 boxes))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Unknown, probably various; found in collection

Preferred Citation

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Scope and Contents

This collection consists of comic books dating from the 1950s through the 1970s, collected from various sources. Many of the titles are space or science fiction themed. Titles include Action Comics, Astounding Stories, Dan Dare, Dennis the Menace, Flying Saucer Comics, Mystery in Space, Superman, and Weird Science.

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Included are adaptations of movies and television programs, including "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," "The Invaders," "The Jetsons," "Lost in Space" ("Space Family Robinson"), "Men into Space," "The Mouse that Roared," "Space 1999," "Star Trek," "Star Wars," "Thunderbirds," and "The Twilight Zone."

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Also included are adaptations of classic novels, including H. G. Wells' *The First Men in the Moon* and *War of the Worlds*, and Jules Verne's *From the Earth to the Moon*, *Master of the World* and *Off on a Comet*.

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Foreign language comics include examples in French, German, Japanese, Spanish, and Thai. The collection includes one copy, from 1973, of *Mad* magazine.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Astronautics
- Popular culture
- Science fiction

Types of Materials:

- Comic books