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Hellboy Guillermo del Toro 2004-08 Since its debut in 1994, Mike Mignola's Hellboy has been one of the most celebrated comics on shelves, winning every major industry award, attracting legions of fans, and seeing Mignola provide artwork for numerous films, including Blade 2 and Dracula. Now, the director of Blade 2, Guillermo del Toro, has brought Hellboy to the big screen, in a major motion picture starring Ron Periman. This lavish tie-in book features del Toro's complete screenplay, based on Mignola's Hellboy: Seed of Destruction graphic novel, along with copious production art from Mignola. With behind-the-scenes sketches and photos, commentary from Mignola, and del Toro's on-set diary, The Art of the Movie is the ultimate guide to the Hellboy film.

Our Gods Wear Spandex Chris Knowles 2007-11-30 From occult underground to superhero! Was Superman's arch nemesis Lex Luthor based on Aleister Crowley? Can Captain Marvel be linked to the Sun gods on antiquity? In Our Gods Wear Spandex, Christopher Knowles answers these questions and brings to light many other intriguing links between superheroes and the enchanted world of estoverica. Occult students and comic-book fans alike will discover countless fascinating connections, from little known facts such as that DC Comics editor Julius Schwartz started his career as H.P. Lovecraft's agent, to the tantalizingly extensive influence of Madame Blavatsky's Theosophy on the birth of comics, to the mystic roots of Superman. The book also traces the rise of the comic superheroes and how they relate to several cultural trends in the late 19th century, specifically the occult explosion in Western Europe and America. Knowles reveals the four basic superhero archetypes--the Messiah, the Golem, the Amazon, and the Brotherhood--and shows how the occult Bohemian underground of the early 20th century provided the inspiration for the modern comic book hero. With the popularity of occult comics writers like Invisibles creator Grant Morrison and V for Vendetta creator Alan Moore, the vast ComiCon audience is poised for someone to seriously introduce them to the esoteric mysteries. Chris Knowles is doing just that in this epic book. Chapters include: Ancient of Days, Ascended Masters, God and Gangsters, Mad Scientists and Modern Sorcerers, and many more. From the ghettos of Prague to the halls of Valhalla to the Fortress of Solitude and the aisles of BEA and ComiCon, this is the first book to show the inextricable link between superheroes and the enchanted world of esoterica.

Something More Than Night Kim Newman 2021-11-02 With his signature wit, the award-winning author of Anno Dracula, Kim Newman, reimagines the lives of Raymond Chandler and Boris Karloff in this daring and horrifying tale. 'If more mysteries were written like this, I'd read more mysteries.' - Grady Hendrix, author of The Final Girl Support Group Hollywood, the late 1930s. Raymond

Chandler writes detective stories for pulp magazines, and drinks more than he should. Boris Karloff plays monsters in the movies. Together, they investigate mysterious matters in a town run by human and inhuman monsters. Joh Devlin, an investigator for the DA's office who scores high on insubordination, enlists the pair to work a case that threatens to expose Hollywood's most horrific secrets. Together they will find out more than they should about the way this town works. And about each other. And, oh yes, monsters aren't just for the movies.

Graphic Novels Paul Gravett 2005-11-01 A tour of one hundred definitive graphic novels documents their growing role in the literary world, showcasing extracts from a range of publications to explore such topics as the history and key contributors of the graphic novel form, the impact of J

Monsters Andrew J. Hoffman 2019-08-30 Monsters explores questions about the central concept of the monstrous: Why do we create monsters? Are they animal, human, both, or neither? Which of our fears and desires do monsters embody? What can monsters tell us about our cultural and historical moments? How do we cope with the monsters that haunt our imaginations--and our societies? Readings by classic poets, contemporary fiction writers, pop culture critics, philosophers, psychologists, occultists, veterinarians, ethicists, historians, and others take up these questions and more. Questions and assignments for each selection provide a range of activities for students to write about vampires, werewolves, zombies, mermaids, serial killers, classic horror movie monsters, and more strange things that go bump in the night. The Bedford Spotlight Reader Series is an exciting line of single-theme readers, each reflecting Bedford's trademark care and quality. An editorial board of a dozen compositionists at schools with courses focusing on specific themes assists in the development of the series. Each reader collects thoughtfully chosen selections sufficient for an entire writing course--about 35 pieces--to allow instructors to provide carefully developed, high-quality instruction at an affordable price. Bedford Spotlight Readers are designed to help students from all majors make sustained inquiries from multiple perspectives, opening up topics such as borders, food, gender, happiness, humor, language, music, science and technology, subcultures, and sustainability, to critical analysis. The readers are flexibly arranged in thematic chapters, with each chapter focusing in depth on a different facet of the central topic. Instructor support at macmillanlearning.com includes sample syllabi and additional teaching resources.

The Comic Book Bible Rob Suggs 2009-07-01 Retells the stories of the Bible in graphic novel format, including the stories of Noah, Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, David, Esther, Jonah, and Jesus.

Slave Stealers Timothy Ballard 2018-09-04 Follow two

abolitionists who fought one of the most shockingly persistent evils of the world: human trafficking and sexual exploitation of slaves. Told in alternating chapters from perspectives spanning more than a century apart, read the riveting 19th century first-hand account of Harriet Jacobs and the modern-day eyewitness account of Timothy Ballard. Harriet Jacobs was an African-American, born into slavery in North Carolina in 1813. She thwarted the sexual advances of her master for years until she escaped and hid in the attic crawl space of her grandmother's house for seven years before escaping north to freedom. She published an autobiography of her life, *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl*, which was one of the first open discussions about sexual abuse endured by slave women. She was an active abolitionist, associated with Frederick Douglass, and, during the Civil War, used her celebrity to raise money for black refugees. After the war, she worked to improve the conditions of newly-freed slaves. As a former Special Agent for the Department of Homeland Security who has seen the horrors and carnage of war, Timothy Ballard founded a modern-day "underground railroad" which has rescued hundreds of children from being fully enslaved, abused, or trafficked in third-world countries. His story includes the rescue and his eventual adoption of two young siblings--Mia and Marky, who were born in Haiti. Section 2 features the lives of five abolitionists, a mix of heroes from past to present, who call us to action and teach us life lessons based on their own experiences: Harriet Tubman--The "Conductor"; Abraham Lincoln--the "Great Emancipator"; Little Mia--the sister who saved her little brother; Guesno Mardy--the Haitian father who lost his son to slave traders; and Harriet Jacobs--a teacher for us all.

Alphabets & Other Signs Julian Rothenstein 1993 A source of idiosyncratic clip art for graphic artists and designers and a celebration of the printed word in all its diversity. Over 130 unusual and rare alphabets, monograms, numerals, ampersands, ornaments, arrows, and more accompany a fascinating essay on the philosophy of alphabet design.

Crisis on Infinite Earths: Paragons Rising The Deluxe Edition Marc Guggenheim 2020-07-07 "Crisis on Infinite Earths" leaps from The CW's "Arrowverse" to this new collection starring fan-favorite character Felicity Smoak in a brand-new, Multiverse-spanning epic as she tries to locate the keys to the Anti-Monitor's plan! Plus, Lex Luthor teams up with a council of Luthors, but can they all play nicely to save the Multiverse?

Collects stories from Crisis on Infinite Earths Giant #1-2 and a Monitor's worth of behind-the-scenes extras!

Hellboy Volume 7: The Troll Witch and Others Mike Mignola 2007-10-02 With a new Hellboy series on the stands, fans of the world's greatest paranormal detective can find older favorites collected for the first time in the seventh volume of the Hellboy Saga. *Hellboy: The Troll Witch and Others* collects short stories from *The Dark Horse Book of the Dead*, *Witchcraft*, *Hauntings*, and *Monsters*, the 2004 *Hellboy: Wizard 1/2*, as well as the critically acclaimed 2006 miniseries, *Hellboy: Makoma* by Mignola and comics legend Richard Corben, and a previously unpublished Hellboy story by P. Craig Russell and Mike Mignola, along with sketches and story notes. Contains new Hellboy story by Mike Mignola & P. Craig Russell!

Mazebook Jeff Lemire 2022-07-05 From New York Times bestselling and Eisner award-winning Black Hammer creator Jeff Lemire comes this ambitious and haunting graphic novel about family, mourning, and reality. A lonely building inspector still grieving the loss of his puzzle-loving daughter receives a mysterious phone call one night from a girl claiming it's her and that she's trapped in the middle of a labyrinth. Convinced that this child is contacting him from beyond this world, he uses an unfinished maze from one of her journals and a

map of the city to trace an intricate path through a different plane of reality on an intense and melancholy adventure to bring his daughter back home. Collects issues #1-5 of *The Mazebook* and featuring a sketchbook section and pinups by Andrea Sorrentino, Dustin Nguyen, Dean Ormston, Matt Kindt, and Gabriel Hernández Walta!

El Narco Ioan Grillo 2012-01-16 'War' is no exaggeration in discussing the bloodshed that has terrorized Mexico in the past decades. As rival cartels battle for control of a billion-dollar drug trade, the body count - 23,000 dead in five years - and sheer horror beggar the imagination of journalistic witnesses. Cartel gunmen have attacked schools and rehabilitation centers, and murdered the entire families of those who defy them. Reformers and law enforcement officials have been gunned down within hours of taking office. Headless corpses are dumped on streets to intimidate rivals, and severed heads are rolled onto dancefloors as messages to would-be opponents. And the war is creeping northward, towards the United States. *El Narco* is the story of the ultraviolent criminal organizations that have turned huge areas of Mexico into a combat zone. It is a piercing portrait of a drug trade that turns ordinary men into mass murderers, as well as a diagnosis of what drives the cartels and what gives them such power. Veteran Mexico correspondent Ioan Grillo traces the gangs from their origins as smugglers to their present status as criminal empires. The narco cartels are a threat to the Mexican government - and their violence has now reached as far as North Carolina. *El Narco* is required reading for anyone concerned about one of the most important news stories of the decade.

Lobster Johnson: Caput Mortuum John Arcudi 2015-07-29 Hellboy's favorite gun-blazing vigilante takes justice to the skies this time by getting locked in combat aboard a zeppelin! "Lobster Johnson is by far the best thing to spin out of Hellboy. It's not often that someone makes the Punisher look meh, but this book does it." -Comic Bastards

Hellboy: The Complete Short Stories Volume 1 Mike Mignola 2018-06-26 The ultimate introduction to this supernatural hero features 16 standalone stories with Mignola's greatest collaborators--stories that can be read in any order. This 368-page volume covers Hellboy's adventures from 1947 to 1961, reprinting stories from *The Chained Coffin*, *The Right Hand of Doom*, *The Bride of Hell*, *The Crooked Man*, *The Troll Witch*, and Hellboy's childhood adventure, *The Midnight Circus*, drawn by Duncan Fegredo, artist of *The Wild Hunt*, the basis for Neil Marshall's 2019 film *Hellboy*. In 1994 Mike Mignola released the first Hellboy series, *Seed of Destruction*, as Hellboy faced his supposed destiny as *Beast of the Apocalypse*. Before that, he'd spent fifty years fighting monsters as a somewhat carefree member of the Bureau for Paranormal Research and Defense. *The Complete Short Stories Volumes 1 & 2* present those early adventures. "The Crooked Man" and "Double Feature of Evil," both of which earned Mignola and his legendary collaborator Richard Corben Eisner Awards, are collected with the complete "Hellboy in Mexico" saga, featuring collaborations with Corben, Mick McMahon, Gabriel Ba, and Fabio Moon, as well as one of Mignola's early masterpiece, "The Corpse." The two volumes of *The Complete Short Stories* together with the four volume *Hellboy Omnibus* series collect all of Mignola's award-winning Hellboy stories in chronological order for a definitive reading experience.

Young Hellboy: The Hidden Land #2 Mike Mignola 2021-03-31 Mike Mignola! Thomas Sniegowski! After meeting a missing adventurer and being taken in by the island's Ohnar people, Hellboy and Professor Bruttonholm delve deeper into the strange island's mysteries. Exploring a previous civilization's ruins reveals more about local history . . . and grabs the attention of some gruesome foes! *Young Hellboy's* adventure continues, from Mike

Mignola with writer Thomas Sniegowski, artist Craig Rousseau, and colorist Dave Stewart!

Self Consuming Paper Cartridges for the Percussion Revolver W. J. Kirst 1986-04-01

Allergic to Idiots Bradley Walton 2018

Old Fears John Wooley 2021-11-16 It waits in dark corners. In your closet. Under your bed. It hides in the cellar. Waiting, waiting until you least expect— Mick Winters spent three summers as a child with his aunt in a small, rural town, where everyone is your neighbor. He hasn't been back in twenty years. But when his aunt passes and leaves her house to him with the note "and you know why," he finds the old town exactly the way he remembers. Everything is the same—including the thing in the cellar he tried so hard to forget. Except the rules have changed. What once lurked in the dark, hiding, only to disappear again if you looked closely, is now more powerful than ever before. And no longer content to lure its victims in. Or to simply scare the hell out of them. Certain the bizarre deaths in town are tied to his arrival, Mick sets out to fight his childhood fears. Only now, they have a face...

Foamsmith Bill Doran 2014 "Foamsmith" helps you create stunning, comfortable pieces of costume armor as painlessly and cheaply as possible.

Juicy and Delicious Lucy Alibar 2013-12-02 Hushpuppy lives with his Daddy and his ghost Mamma on the edge of the earth. Life is juicy and delicious until Hushpuppy's dad gets sick, the world starts to fall apart, and prehistoric ice beasts begin to crawl out of the red Georgia clay. As Daddy gets weaker, the world becomes more fragile and nature itself begins to come unrendered. Hushpuppy and his friends must learn to care for each other while they battle the fearsome aurochs in this magical Southern fantasia that inspired the movie *Beasts of the Southern Wild*.

John K Presents John Kricfalusi 2013 The fabulous, frenetic, and FUN comics from John Kricfalusi are collected here, compiled by Eisner Award-winning editor Craig Yoe.

The Monsters of Hellboy II Guillermo del Toro 2008-12 Trolls, goblins, beastly tooth fairies, and haunting "angels" are only part of the grotesque menagerie of otherworldly creatures populating the world of *Hellboy II: The Golden Army*. This book dives into the renowned imaginations of *Hellboy* creator Mike Mignola, director Guillermo Del Toro (*Hellboy*, *Pan's Labyrinth*), and artists from throughout the film's production - from original concept designs to photos of final costumes. *Hellboy II: The Monsters* explores the scores of beasts and fiends that appear in the upcoming summer blockbuster, with art and commentary by such talented production designers as Francisco Ruiz Velasco and Sergio Sandoval. The lush and disturbing worlds of the Troll Market and magic realm are explored, as are their strange inhabitants - butchers, fishmongers, street musicians, and vendors of all bizarre shapes, sizes, and professions. A fascinating look at inspired filmmaking and character design, this excellent standalone book also acts as a rich companion to our illustrated script book, *Hellboy II: The Art of the Movie*.

Encyclopedia of Comic Books and Graphic Novels Will Allred 2010

Blood Brothers Ron Soble 1994 Discusses the murders of a rich L.A. businessman and his wife by their two sons, who used a defense of child abuse to obtain a mistrial
Anno Dracula - One Thousand Monsters Kim Newman 2019-04-30 "There are no vampires in Japan. That is the position of the Emperor. The Emperor is wrong..." In 1899 Geneviève Dieudonné travels to Japan with a group of vampires exiled from Great Britain by Prince Dracula. They are allowed to settle in Yōkai Town, the district of Tokyo set aside for Japan's own vampires, an altogether strange and less human breed than the nosferatu of Europe. Yet it is not the sanctuary they

had hoped for, as a vicious murderer sets vampire against vampire, and Yōkai Town is revealed to be more a prison than a refuge. Geneviève and her undead comrades will be forced to face new enemies and the horrors hidden within the Temple of One Thousand Monsters...

New Transnationalisms in Contemporary Latin American Cinemas Dolores Tierney 2018-01-23 Through a textual analysis of six filmmakers (Alejandro González Iñárritu, Alfonso Cuarón, Guillermo del Toro, Fernando Meirelles, Walter Salles and Juan José Campanella), this book brings a new perspective to the films of Latin America's transnational auteurs.

Friends and Enemies Michael Teitelbaum 2010-01-01 Explains how Tony Stark became Iron Man, and introduces the allies who helped Iron Man become the man he is and the enemies who seek to take him down.

Frankenstein Underground Mike Mignola 2015-12-08 After a fight with Hellboy, Frankenstein's monster escapes the terrible Mexican laboratory where he was imprisoned and discovers strange creatures beneath the desert, where he'll learn some of the greatest secrets of the mystical world in the strangest Hellboy spinoff yet! "It's intimidating as hell to take on an icon like the Frankenstein monster. I'm trying to do something that's true to the origin Mary Shelley created for the creature but also captures a bit of the feel that Boris Karloff brought to the role in the classic Universal films. At the same time I'm throwing the monster into an entirely new environment, so I think the result will be something new. It's an odd one, but ultimately will add an important new wrinkle to the Hellboy/B.P.R.D. world." -- Mike Mignola

Twelve Years a Slave Solomon Northup 2021-01-01 "Having been born a freeman, and for more than thirty years enjoyed the blessings of liberty in a free State—and having at the end of that time been kidnapped and sold into Slavery, where I remained, until happily rescued in the month of January, 1853, after a bondage of twelve years—it has been suggested that an account of my life and fortunes would not be uninteresting to the public." -- an excerpt

After the Revolution Robert Evans 2022-04-05 What will the fracturing of the United States look like? After the Revolution is an edge-of-your-seat answer to that question. In the year 2070, twenty years after a civil war and societal collapse of the "old" United States, extremist militias battle in the crumbling Republic of Texas. As the violence spreads like wildfire and threatens the Free City of Austin, three unlikely allies will have to work together in an act of resistance to stop the advance of the forces of the white Christian ethnostate known as the "Heavenly Kingdom." Out three protagonists include Manny, a fixer that shuttles journalists in and out of war zones and provides footage for outside news agencies. Sasha is a teenage woman that joins the Heavenly Kingdom before she discovers the ugly truths behind their movement. Finally, we have Roland: A US Army vet kitted out with cyberware (including blood that heals major trauma wounds and a brain that can handle enough LSD to kill an elephant), tormented by broken memories, and 12,000 career kills under his belt. In the not-so-distant world Evans conjures we find advanced technology, a gender expansive culture, and a roving Burning Man-like city fueled by hedonistic excess. This powerful debut novel from Robert Evans is based on his investigative reporting from international conflict zones and on increasingly polarized domestic struggles. It is a vision of our very possible future.
The Grail Diary Henry Jones 2018-12-11 This is a replica of the prop used in the movie. Every page has been painstakingly recreated to match the original and has been printed using premium quality paper and materials entirely made in North America. The softcover is not real leather although it is printed to look like a leather journal. There are no inserts in this journal,

only the printed pages of the diary, any inserts will need to be created or purchased separately.

Urban Paper Matt Hawkins 2009-04-21 Join the Papertoy Revolution! This is a collection of 26 of the coolest designer paper toys in existence, ready to be cut out and built. Each papertoy has step-by-step instructions, complete with easy-to-use diagrams, so even a novice will be able to make amazing papertoys with the help of a pair of scissors and a few dabs of glue. Interviews with contributors such as Shin Tanaka, Ben the Illustrator, NiceBunny, Cubotoy and Kenn Munk are included. You'll find out more about where their ideas came from—and they might even inspire you to create your own papertoy! In addition, there is a foreword by Andy Heng from www.toysrevil.net. The DVD includes lots of bonus features, such as all 26 toy templates in PDF format (so you can build cities full of papertoys); basic shapes (so you can learn the building blocks of papertoys); blank templates (so you can create your own "skin"); longer, unabridged interviews with all the designers in the book; and 33 bonus templates. So grab your scissors, your glue and your imagination, and get ready to enter an inspiring new world of papertoys!

Hellboy: An Assortment of Horrors Mike Mignola 2017-11-21 Fifteen of the biggest names in weird literature come together to pay tribute to Hellboy and the characters of Mike Mignola's award-winning line of books! Assembled by Joe Golem and Baltimore co-writer Christopher Golden and featuring illustrations by Mike Mignola and Chris Priestley, the anthology boasts fifteen original stories by the best in horror, fantasy, and science fiction, including Seanan McGuire (October Daye series), Chelsea Cain (Heartsick), Jonathan Maberry (Joe Ledger series), and more! The new writer of Hellboy and the B.P.R.D., iZombie co-creator Chris Roberson, pitches in as well, and Chris Priestley (Tales of Terror) provides a story and an illustration! Each story illustrated by Mike Mignola!

The Encyclopedia of Demons and Demonology Rosemary Guiley 2009 Explores this dark aspect of folklore and religion and the role that demons play in the modern world. Includes numerous entries documenting beliefs about demons and demonology from ancient history to the present.

Hellboy Mike Mignola 1995-03-14 Mike Mignola's Hellboy is one of the most enduringly popular comic characters of recent times. As part of the B.P.R.D (Bureau for Paranormal Research and Defense), Hellboy and his comrades have investigated and combated some of the world's deadliest supernatural villains. Since the release of the Hellboy films (in 2004 and 2008), the character has achieved mainstream popularity along with the respect he was always given by the comic book community.

Hover Car Racer Matthew Reilly 2005-12-01 A no-holds-barred science fiction thriller from Australia's favourite novelist, author of the Scarecrow series and Jack West Jr series with new novel *The One Impossible Labyrinth* out now. "High-octane Harry Potter" The Age "Reilly has a gift for sustaining momentum that never lets up." Publishers Weekly Meet Jason Chaser, hover car racer. He's won himself a place at the International Race School, where racers either make it on to the Pro Circuit - or they crash and burn. But he's an outsider. He's younger than the other racers. His car, the Argonaut, is older. And on top of that, someone doesn't

want him to succeed at the School and will do anything to stop him. Now Jason Chaser isn't just fighting for his place on the starting line, he's racing for his life. Fans of Clive Cussler, Tom Clancy and Michael Crichton will love Matthew Reilly.

Insanely Twisted Rabbits Michel Gagne 2001 In his fifth book, Michel Gagne launches his imagination at warp speed. This exquisitely rendered collection hovers between the delightful and disturbing, the benign and bizarre. Tender, amusing - Gagne soars to his signature best. Features 43 illustrations, 24 in full color.

Young Hellboy: The Hidden Land #3 Mike Mignola 2021-04-14 Hellboy, the Professor, Scarlett, and the Ohnar are all in danger when an ancient evil awakes. The vampire Vespera and her undead legions are too powerful for Hellboy and his companions to face alone, but Scarlett has an ace up her sleeve that will give them a fighting chance.

Superman by Mark Millar Mark Millar 2018-06-05 Before his groundbreaking work on such legendary titles as *Superman: Red Son*, *The Authority*, *Civil War* and *Wolverine: Old Man Logan*, and his hit original titles *Kick-Ass*, *Wanted* and *Kingsman: The Secret Service*, the New York Times best-selling writer Mark Millar tackled one of DC's greatest heroes: Superman! This collection brings together timeless tales of the Man of Steel, from Superman's good-bye to Earth to Lois Lane's personal account of a life forever changed by the Big Blue Boy Scout. Explore the heart of Superman, and the root of Lex Luthor's obsession with him, in stories from Millar's Eisner-nominated run on *Superman Adventures*. Plus, reimagine the Man of Tomorrow, in a world where Detective Harvey Dent undergoes a metamorphosis from man to Superman. *Superman by Mark Millar* features art by Aluir Amancio (*The Spirit*), Georges Jeanty (*Buffy the Vampire Slayer: Season Eight*), Jackson Guice (*Superman: The Death of Superman*), Mike Manley (*Batman*), Sean Phillips (*Sleeper*), Mike Wieringo (*The Flash*) and more. Collects the greatest of Millar's earliest work on *Superman: Team Superman #1*, *Tangent Comics: The Superman #1*, *Superman Adventures #19*, *#25-27*, *#30*, *#31*, *#36*, *#52* and stories from *Superman 80-Page Giant #2* and *DC One Million 80-Page Giant #1,000,000*.

Percussion Pistols and Revolvers Mike Cumpston 2005-07 In the early transition from the long-lived flintlock system, handgun development closely paralleled that of the long arms. With the advent of the revolving pistols, however; came patents that created monopolies in revolver production and the through-bored cylinder necessary for self-contained metallic cartridges. The caplock revolvers took on a separate evolution and remained state of the art long after the widespread appearance of cartridge firing rifles and shotguns. They rode in the holsters of explorers and adventures across the world and granted safe conduct in the back alleys of industrial slums right up until the last quarter of the 19th Century. Handguns possess a mystique distinctly different from that of other firearms. They are tools of personal empowerment-chosen by their owners to provide independence and freedom of movement. In the ambitious, optimistic early years of western industrial civilization they were the emblem of liberty and equality and the bane of repressive governments and social movements. Largely because of the traditions that emerged in the time of the caplock pistols and revolvers, they remain so in the early years of the 21st Century.