

*The Watchmen* is heavy lifting. As a palette cleanser and for something that's just plain fun and gorgeous to look at, check out *Superman vs. Muhammad Ali*.

<http://readallcomics.com/superman-vs-muhammad-ali/>

The 1990's gave rise to incredibly violent, nihilistic superheroes. Instead of links to full comics – which tend to be poorly written and gratuitously violent, below are three lists dealing with a trio of the most gruesome mainstream comic book characters. Going through the entire lists is not necessary – you'll get the point right away.

(Note: The characters of Wolverine and Deadpool have the ability to regenerate their bodies, even after suffering the most horrendous physical wounds.)

<https://www.ranker.com/list/gruesome-moments-in-punisher-comics/stephanroget>

<https://www.cbr.com/most-savage-things-wolverine-done/>

<https://www.gamespot.com/gallery/deadpools-most-gruesome-moments/2900-483/#1>

Kingdom Come – As a response to the wave of violent superheroes, Mark Waid and Alex Ross created this beautiful four part epic that finds old school heroes reminding the world what a hero should truly represent and how they should behave. Check out Superman in full messiah mode. The link is to a page that has four other links, one for each issue.

<https://www.comicextra.com/comic/kingdom-come-1996>

*Thug Notes – The Watchmen* – When I used to teach novels in Language Arts, I would always end the unit by going to this YouTube channel. Thug Notes features a streetwise “professor” summarizing and explaining works of literature in street language. It's funny and insightful. So, for a quick summation of *The Watchman* and discussion of some of its themes, check out this video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D3Qfm1z94BA>

*The Watchmen* – Below are links to three articles dealing with *The Watchmen*, its meaning and impact.

<https://www.bu.edu/writingprogram/journal/past-issues/issue-8/wu/>

<https://www.vox.com/2019/10/18/20917361/watchmen-hbo-comic-superheroes-explained>

<https://www.polygon.com/comics/2019/10/15/20909951/watchmen-comic-alan-moore-politics-characters-explained>