

Hello All –

In anticipation of class on Wednesday, I have included some links below to four comics, all of them notorious in their own way. We'll be focusing on mainstream comics that dealt with violence, crime, horror and other illicit subjects and the backlash that erupted over this content. Remember, there was no regulation of the comic book industry, so any kid with a dime could buy any of the comic book, even if it dealt with the most sordid subjects. These links are by no means comprehensive and are not required reading but if you want a taste of what was available in the post-war era and early 1950's, you'll get a little taste of that at the links below.

Also, a comic book controversy erupted last week. Read about it here:  
<https://www.cbr.com/immortal-hulk-43-ebay/>

Thanks - Chuck

This is link to an issue of "The Haunt of Fear," one of the more infamous horror comics published in the late '40's and early '50's. I chose this one because of the fourth story called "Foul Ball." Being a baseball fan, this one really hit home.

<https://www.comicextra.com/haunt-of-fear/chapter-19>

This is a link to a story that appeared in the infamous "Crime Does Not Pay" comic. It's short, to the point and very much indicative of the sorts of stories kids had access to.

<https://crisofinnocence.library.ryerson.ca/files/original/1ff06fa3e3c286797d0857f50275351e.pdf>

"Strange Suspense Stories" #19 is the source of this incendiary tale:

<https://crisofinnocence.library.ryerson.ca/files/original/49e512c13d4c280948c4f42d687fca1f.pdf>

"Reform School Girl" is a rare but notorious comic of one poor girl gone wrong. You can read it here.

<http://seductionofdainnocent.blogspot.com/2012/01/reform-school-girl.html>