

Along with *Watchmen* and *The Killing Joke*, Frank Miller's *The Dark Knight Returns* was a groundbreaking work that sent shockwaves through the industry and set a tone for the many Batman movies and books to come. The four-issue mini-series is below. The story deals with Bruce Wayne, who long ago quit being Batman, deciding to take up the cowl once more when a vital threat arises. Note the blurring of the lines between the hero and villains throughout as well as the portrayal of Superman as an agent of the government under the thumb of a Ronald Reagan-like president.

<https://www.comicextra.com/batman-the-dark-knight-returns/chapter-1>

<https://www.comicextra.com/batman-the-dark-knight-returns/chapter-2>

<https://www.comicextra.com/batman-the-dark-knight-returns/chapter-3>

<https://www.comicextra.com/batman-the-dark-knight-returns/chapter-4>

Below are links to pages that feature work from some of the artists we've been looking at. If you're interested, you can go to these links and take your time to really look over how gorgeous these pieces are.

The Art of Neal Adams

<https://www.pinterest.com/eleggssr/neal-adams/>

The Art of Bill Steranko

<http://www.thedrawingsofsteranko.com/aghp.html>

The Art of Joe Kubert

https://www.google.com/search?q=joe+kubert+art&rlz=1C1GCEU_enUS851US851&tbm=isch&source=iu&ictx=1&fir=PhviDdDDfFRxgM%252C2brbe4RST4vIGM%252C_&vet=1&usg=AI4_kR32oGGxGOUqNKDiJEU-ggXKaOqGg&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwjI3eSHj6HvAhVPQ80KHRqzChsQ9QF6BAgREAE&biw=1149&bih=536&dpr=1.5&safe=active&ssui=on

The Art of Bernie Wrightson

<http://berniewrightson.com/galleries/>

The Art of Brian Bolland (The artist of *The Killing Joke*)

<https://www.pinterest.com/charlesvillarre/brian-bolland-art/>