

Stan Lee, Marvel Comics' Real-Life Superhero, Dies at 95 (Plus His Top 10 Greatest Comics)

Lee's fame and influence as the face and figurehead of Marvel, even in his nonagenarian years, remained considerable. Beginning in the 1960s, the irrepressible and feisty Lee punched up his Marvel superheroes with personality, not just power. Until then, comic book headlines like those of DC Comics were square and well-adjusted, but his heroes had human foibles and hang-ups; Peter Parker/Spider-Man, for example, fretted about his dandruff and was confused about dating. The evildoers were a mess of psychological complexity.