

# Non-Superhero Comics

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## Fantasy

Conan	The inimitable warrior, originally from Robert E. Howard.
Fables	The fables are real, and running from some major threat.
Fray	A Slayer in the future, from Joss Whedon.
Grimjack	A grizzled ex-soldier and detective, across the multiverse.
Hellboy	A demonic hero working for a secret government agency.
Kull	A brooding warrior king, originally from Robert E. Howard.
Neverwhere	A graphic novel from Neil Gaiman about a magical London.
Revival	Anybody who died on the Day has been revived. But why?
Sandman	About the God of Sleep and much more. Neil Gaiman.

## Science Fiction

American Flagg	A “cop” in a future society that is bizarre and broken. Hugo nom.
Blackmark	Post-apocalyptic graphic novel from Gil Kane.
Cadillacs and Dinosaurs	Post-apocalyptic, with dinosaurs and surviving tech.
DMZ	Manhattan is the DMZ between sides in a second civil war.
Doorways	Sliding across alternate universes; from George R.R. Martin.
Lazarus	High-tech feudal future; an engineered bodyguard; Greg Rucka.
Killraven	Fighting against the Martian invasion.
League of Extraordinary Gentlemen	Famous people fighting threats throughout the years.
Phoenix Without Ashes	A famous generation starship story; from Harlan Ellison.
The Stars My Destination	Alfred Bester’s classic story, as a graphic novel.
WE3	A man and his pets, just trying to survive, in the near future.
X-Wing: Rogue Squadron	Star Wars; about the rebel fighter squadron.

## Mystery/Crime/Espionage

From Hell	The search for Jack the Ripper, in detail.
Queen & Country	British spies; both graphic novels and novels; from Greg Rucka.
Sable	Hero for hire; secretly a writer. From Mike Grell.
Whiteout	Espionage and crime in Antarctica; from Greg Rucka.

## Literary

Maus	About the Holocaust, featuring cats and mice.
The Pride of Baghdad	About a family of lions freed by the bombing of the city.
Strangers in Paradise	Friends and relationships.

## **Mentioned During the Panel**

Here's an assortment of comics, graphic novels and a few webcomics that were mentioned during the "Non-Superhero Comics" panel at Balticon 52, held Saturday, May 26, 2018. Most of these recommendations came from fellow panelists Andrew Fox, Devin Jackson Randall and Michael R. Underwood.

Black Hole	STD creates/recreates teenage superheroes. Drama.
Clean Room	Fighting against extradimensional entities.
Lone Wolf and Cub	Kinetic, black and white samurai epic.
Love and Rockets	Life, relationships and some surreal elements.
Lumberjanes	Teenage girls at scout camp, fighting supernatural monsters.
Night Force	A mysterious man fields teams to fight supernatural threats.
Nine Stones	Criminal underworld webcomic with blood, gore and sex. LBGT.
Rat Queens	Rambunctious female adventurers in a fantasy setting. Hugo nom.
Skullkickers	Action, adventure and sword & sorcery. Webcomic and print.
Starfighter	SF starfighter pilots. NSFW.
Strike Force: Moritori	Science-created superheroes vs. aliens, but heroes only last a year.
Understanding Comics	Non-fiction graphic novel about comics, by Scott McCloud.
Watchmen	Unforgettable superhero story that feels more science fiction.
The Wicked and the Divine	Reincarnated deities with limited lifespans