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Daredevil, the Man Without Fear is a superhero comic book published by Marvel Comics since 1965. Blinded by a childhood accident involving radioactivity that has also mysteriously enhanced his remaining senses to superhuman levels, defense attorney Matt Murdock trains himself to physical perfection, and crusades for justice as the costumed Daredevil.

Daredevil remained a consistently popular but decidedly second-tier Marvel superhero until the late 1970s when writer/artist Frank Miller assumed the creative direction of the series. By emphasizing the disturbing obsessive and fascistic qualities of the superhero as a modern vigilante, Miller transformed *Daredevil* into one of the most graphic, sophisticated, and best written comic books of its time. His work on the series became a standard for a new generation of comic-book creators and fans who came to expect more violence and thematic maturity from their superheroes.

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