

UCSH Subject Headings Assignment

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1. Introduction

The Unrau Comics Subject Headings system (UCSH) uses the following terms.

BT: Broader Term

NT: Narrower Term

RT: Related Term

UF: Use For (listing the lead-in terms pointing at this term in the controlled vocabulary)

USE: Use (the listed term in the controlled vocabulary instead)

The titles of the collection items being accessed by each Subject Heading are found *in italics* following the heading. Please see the Collection section of this document (Part 3) for the complete list of comics along with all the headings that apply to each title.

Also, please note that only a couple of iconic comic-book characters are specifically mentioned in the UCSH, if you are looking for a character guide, you will need to look elsewhere. Thank you.

2. Unrau Comics Subject Headings

Action Fiction

USE Adventure Fiction

Action-Adventure Fiction

USE Adventure Fiction

Adventure Fiction

UF Action-Adventure Fiction

Action Fiction

BT Fiction

NT Martial Arts Fiction

Pirate Fiction

Space Opera

Spy Fiction

RT Science Fiction

Superhero Fiction

Desolation Jones

Global Frequency

The Losers

Afghanistan

BT Asia

Queen & Country

Agoraphobic

USE Shut-ins

Aklo

USE Alien Invasion - Language

Alien Invasion

UF Invasion, Alien

BT Aliens

NT Alien Invasion - Language

RT Summoning Horrors From the Beyond
War

The Authority

Marvel Zombies

Superman: Red Son

Switchblade Honey

Alien Invasion - Language

UF Aklo

Alien Language

BT Alien Invasion

RT Madness

Alan Moore's The Courtyard

Alien Language

USE Alien Invasion - Language

Alien Life

USE Aliens

Alien Zombies

USE Zombies

Aliens

UF Alien Life

ET

Extraterrestrial

NT Alien Invasion

RT Science Fiction

Space Opera

Eternals

Lex Luthor, Man of Steel

Alternate History

UF Alternate Timeline

Divergent History

History, Alternate

History, Divergent

Timeline, Alternate

BT Fiction

History

RT Alternate Universe

Marvel 1602

Alternate Timeline

USE Alternate History

Alternate Universe

UF Multiverse
Parallel Universe
Universe, Alternate
BT Fiction
NT Universe-Hopping
RT Alternate History
The Authority
Planetary/Batman: Night on Earth
Superman: Red Son

Ambition

RT Megalomania
Afro Samurai

America

USE North America

American Presidential Assassinations

USE Presidential Assassinations - American

American Presidential Politics

USE Presidential Politics - American

Analysis, Literary

USE Literary Analysis

Anarchism

UF Anarchy
BT Politics
RT Revolution
Survival Fiction
The Invisibles

Anarchy

USE Anarchism

Androids

USE Robots

Animals, Anthropomorphic

USE Anthropomorphic Animals

Animals, Talking

USE Anthropomorphic Animals

Animation

RT Drawing
Shenzhen

Anthropomorphic Animals

UF Animals, Anthropomorphic
Animals, Talking
Talking Animals
Calvin & Hobbes
The Great Outdoor Fight
Infinite Typewriters
The Left Bank Gang
Maus

Apocalypse

UF End of the World
RT Alternate Universe
Doomsday Weapons
Religion
Infinite Typewriters

Arab Identity

BT Politics
RT Middle East
Palestinian Identity
Footnotes in Gaza

Art

NT Drawing

Artificial Humans

USE Robots

Asia

NT Afghanistan
Middle East
Shenzhen, Guangzhou, China
Soviet Union

Assassinations

BT Crime
NT Political Assassinations
Lex Luthor, Man of Steel

Autobiography

USE Memoir

Bat-man

USE Superhero Fiction - Batman

Batman

USE Superhero Fiction - Batman

Batman vs Superman

USE Epic Battles

Become the Ruling Body

USE Overturning the System

Betrayal

UF Double-cross

NT Betrayal - Destiny

Betrayal - Ideals

Betrayal - Politics

Jonny Double

Betrayal - Destiny

BT Betrayal

Hellboy

Betrayal - Ideals

BT Betrayal

Star Wars: Dark Empire

Betrayal - Politics

BT Betrayal

Politics

The Losers

Biography

BT Nonfiction

RT Memoir

Louis Riel

Britain

USE United Kingdom of Great Britain

Bromance Fiction

UF Buddy Fiction

Friendship, male

BT Fiction

RT Friendship

Romance Fiction

The Great Outdoor Fight

Buddy Fiction

USE Bromance Fiction

Burning Witches

USE Witch Burning

Business

Making Comics

California

BT United States of America

NT Los Angeles

The Great Outdoor Fight

Canada

BT North America

NT Canada - History

Toronto

Canada - History

UF Canadian History

History, Canadian

History of Canada

BT Canada

NT Northwest Rebellion

Canadian History

USE Canada - History

CCCP

USE Soviet Union

Children

RT Fathers

Calvin & Hobbes

Civil War

BT War

NT Civil War - American - Future

Footnotes in Gaza

Civil War - American - Future

BT Civil War

War

DMZ

Civilians in Wartime

UF Collateral Damage

BT War

RT Civil War

DMZ

Footnotes in Gaza

Cleveland

BT United States of America
Goldfish

Cloning

USE Genetic Engineering

Cold War

BT Soviet Union
 Twentieth Century
 United States of America
 War

The Dark Knight Returns

Watchmen

Collateral Damage

USE Civilians in Wartime

Comics - History

UF History of Comics
 History - Comics

BT History
 Literary Analysis

Jewish Memoir Goes Pow! Zap! Oy!

Con Artist

USE Grifter

Conman

USE Grifter

Conspiracy

BT Politics
 NT Masonic Rites
 Presidential Assassination - American
 Secret History of the World

100 Bullets

Planetary

Crime

UF Criminals
 NT Assassinations
 Grifters
 Noir Fiction
 Organized Crime
 Serial Killers
 Stolen Money
 RT Detective Fiction
 Guilt
 Vigilantism

Criminals

USE Crime

Criticism, Literary

USE Literary Analysis

Cthulhu Mythos

USE Occultism

Cult

USE Religion

Cyberpunk

USE Science Fiction

DC Universe

USE Superhero Fiction

Delusions of Grandeur

USE Megalomania

Detective Fiction

UF Mysteries
 Mystery Fiction
 BT Fiction
 NT Detective Fiction - Paranormal
 Detective Fiction - Police
 Detective Fiction - Victorian
 Noir Fiction
 RT Crime
City of Glass
Jonny Double
The Long Halloween

Detective Fiction - Occult

USE Detective Fiction - Paranormal

Detective Fiction - Paranormal

UF Detective Fiction - Occult
Occult Investigations
Paranormal Investigation

BT Detective Fiction

RT Occultism

Alan Moore's The Courtyrad
Hellboy

Detective Fiction - Police

UF Police Procedurals

BT Detective Fiction

RT Crime

Noir Fiction

Politics

Sam & Twitch

Detective Fiction - Victorian

UF Victorian Detective Fiction

BT Detective Fiction

RT Crime

From Hell

Dictatorship

USE Totalitarianism

Divergent History

USE Alternate History

Doomsday Weapons

UF Nuclear War

Nuclear Weapons

Ultimate Weapons

RT Cold War

Superhero Fiction

The Dark Knight Returns

Kingdom Come

Watchmen

Double-cross

USE Betrayal

Drawing

BT Art

NT Drawing - Instructional

RT Representation

Writing

The Left Bank Gang

Understanding Comics

Drawing - How-to

USE Drawing - Instructional

Drawing - Instructional

UF Drawing - How-to

How to Draw

BT Drawing

Making Comics

Dream

RT Imagination

Sandman

Drugs

RT Gonzo Journalism

Magic

The Invisibles

Desolation Jones

Earth Magic

BT Magic

RT Environmentalism

Swamp Thing

End of the World

USE Apocalypse

Environmentalism

RT Planetary Defense

Swamp Thing

Epic Battles

UF Batman vs Superman

Superman vs Batman

BT Mythology

Superhero Fiction

The Dark Knight Returns

Kingdom Come

Scott Pilgrim

Espionage Fiction

USE Spy Fiction

ET

USE Aliens

Europe

NT Frankfurt - Germany - Future
Italy
Paris - France - History
Soviet Union
Switzerland
United Kingdom of Great Britain

Extraterrestrial

USE Aliens

Fae

USE Faerie

Faerie

UF Fae
Fairies
Fairy
BT Mythology
RT Magic
Sandman

Fairies

USE Faerie

Fairy

USE Faerie

Fairy Tales

USE Mythology

Fantastic Four

USE Superhero Fiction - Team

Fast Zombies

USE Zombies

Fathers

RT Children
The Great Outdoor Fight
Maus

Fiction

UF Stories
Tales
NT Adventure Fiction
Alternate History
Alternate Universe
Bromance Fiction
Detective Fiction
Gangster Fiction
Mythology
Noir Fiction
Romance Fiction
Science Fiction
Superhero Fiction
Survival Fiction

Fictional Cities

UF Imaginary Cities
NT Gotham City
Metropolis

Film Noir

USE Noir Fiction

Frankfurt - Germany - Future

BT Europe
RT Science Fiction
Jan's Robotic Heart

Friendship

RT Bromance Fiction

Gangster Fiction

UF Mob Fiction
BT Organized Crime
Fiction
RT Noir Fiction
5 is the Perfect Number
100 Bullets

Gangsters

USE Organized Crime

Gaza Strip

UF Rafah
BT Israel and the Palestinian Territories
RT Politics
Footnotes From Gaza

Genetic Engineering

UF Cloning
Genetic Manipulation
RT Science Fiction
Lex Luthor: Man of Steel
Sam & Twitch
Transmetropolitan

Genetic Manipulation

USE Genetic Engineering

Gonzo Journalism

BT Journalism
NT Gonzo Journalism - Fiction

Gonzo Journalism - Fiction

BT Gonzo Journalism
Transmetropolitan

Gotham

USE Gotham City

Gotham City

UF Gotham
BT Fictional Cities
Superhero Fiction - Batman
RT New York City
Batman Year One
The Long Halloween
Planetary/Batman Night on Earth

Green Arrow

USE Superhero Fiction

Green Lantern

USE Superhero Fiction

Grifter

UF Con Artist
Conman
BT Crime
RT Noir Fiction
Goldfish

Guilt

RT Crime
Religion
Maus

History

NT Alternate History
History - Canada
History - Comics
Israel and the Palestinian Territories -
History
London, UK - History
Secret History of the World
Twentieth Century - History

History - Comics

USE Comics - History

History, Alternate

USE Alternate History

History, Canadian

USE Canada - History

History, Divergent

USE Alternate History

History of Canada

USE Canada - History

History of Comics

USE Comics - History

History of Israel

USE Israel and the Palestinian Territories -
History

History of Israel and the Palestinian Territories

USE Israel and the Palestinian Territories -
History

History of Palestine

USE Israel and the Palestinian Territories -
History

History of Paris

USE Paris, France - History

History of the Twentieth Century

USE Twentieth Century - History

Holocaust

USE Jewish Holocaust

How to Draw

USE Drawing - Instructional

Human Sacrifice

BT Occultism

Religion

RT Summoning Horrors from Beyond
From Hell

Imaginary Cities

USE Fictional Cities

Imagination

RT Dream

Fiction

Calvin & Hobbes
Sandman

Insanity

USE Madness

Intelligence Agencies

BT Politics

NT Intelligence Agencies - British
Sleeper Cells

RT Spy Fiction
War

Marvel 1602

Intelligence Agencies - British

UF MI5

BT Intelligence Agencies
Queen & Country

Invasion, Alien

USE Alien Invasion

Iran

UF Persia

BT Middle East
Nylon Road

Israel

USE Israel and the Palestinian Territories

Israel and the Palestinian Territories

UF Israel

Occupied Palestine

Palestine

BT Middle East

NT Israel and the Palestinian Territories -
History

RT Jewish Identity

Palestinian Identity

Politics

How to Understand Israel in 60 Days or Less

Israel and the Palestinian Territories - History

UF History of Israel

History of Israel and the Palestinian

Territories

History of Palestine

BT History

Israel and the Palestinian Territories

How to Understand Israel in 60 Days or Less

Footnotes in Gaza

Italy

BT Europe

5 is the Perfect Number

Jack the Ripper

UF Spring-heeled Jack

BT Serial Killers

RT London, UK - History

From Hell

Jewish Holocaust

UF Holocaust

BT Judaism

World War 2

RT Jewish Identity

Maus

Jewish Identity

BT Judaism

RT Israel and the Palestinian Territories

Jewish Holocaust

Self-Identity

How to Understand Israel in 60 Days or Less

Jewish Memoir Goes Pow! Zap! Oy!

Joker

USE Superhero Fiction - Batman

Journalism

BT Writing
NT Gonzo Journalism
Speaking Truth to Power
War Correspondence
RT Politics
Footnotes in Gaza

Journalism - War

USE War Correspondence

Judaism

BT Religion
NT Jewish Holocaust
Jewish Identity
RT Israel and the Palestinian Territories

Judging Humanity

RT Religion
Kingdom Come

Justice League

USE Superhero Fiction - Team

Kung Fu Fiction

USE Martial Arts Fiction

LA

USE Los Angeles

Lex Luthor

USE Superhero Fiction - Superman

Life in the City

USE Urban Life

Literary Analysis

UF Analysis, Literary
Criticism, Literary
Literary Criticism
BT Writing
NT History of Comics
Jewish Memoir Goes Pow! Zap! Oy!
Understanding Comics

Literary Criticism

USE Literary Analysis

London, England

USE London

London

UF London, England
BT United Kingdom of Great Britain
NT London, UK - History
The Invisibles

London, UK - History

UF History of London
BT History
London
From Hell

Los Angeles

UF LA
BT California
Desolation Jones

Luthor, Lex

USE Superhero Fiction - Superman

Madness

UF Insanity
NT Megalomania
RT Summoning Horrors From Beyond

Magic

UF Magick
NT Earth Magic
RT Faerie
Occultism
Sandman

Magick

USE Magic

Making Way for a New Generation

UF Retirement
RT History
Unemployed Slackers
5 is the Perfect Number
The Dark Knight Returns
Kingdom Come

Martial Arts Fiction

UF Kung Fu Fiction
BT Adventure Fiction
NT Video Game Fighting Fiction
Afro Samurai

Marvel Universe

USE Superhero Fiction

Masonic Rites

UF Masonic Rituals
Rites, Masonic
Rituals, Masonic
BT Conspiracy
Occultism
RT Human Sacrifice
From Hell

Masonic Rituals

USE Masonic Rites

Megalomania

UF Delusions of Grandeur
BT Madness
RT Ambition
Louis Riel
Superman: Red Son

Memoir

UF Autobiography
BT Journalism
NT Travelogue
Nylon Road
How to Understand Israel in 60 Days or Less
Jewish Memoir Goes Pow! Zap! Oy!

Metropolis

BT Fictional Cities
RT Superhero Fiction - Superman
New York City
Lex Luthor, Man of Steel

MI5

USE Intelligence Agencies - British

Middle East

UF Near East
NT Iran
Israel and the Palestinian Territories
RT Afghanistan

Mistaken Identity

City of Glass
The Left Bank Gang

Mob

USE Organized Crime

Mob Fiction

USE Gangster Fiction

Modern Myths

USE Twentieth Century - Mythology

Monster Summoning

USE Summoning Horrors From Beyond

Multiverse

USE Alternate Universe

Murder, Political

USE Political Assassinations

Mysteries

USE Detective Fiction

Mystery Fiction

USE Detective Fiction

Myth

USE Mythology

Mythology

UF Fairy Tales
Myth
BT Fiction
Religion
NT Twentieth Century - Mythology
RT Faerie
Magic
Eternals
Hellboy
Sandman

Mythology of the Twentieth Century

USE Twentieth Century - Mythology

Mythos, Cthulhu

USE Occultism

Mythos Creature Summoning

USE Summoning Horrors From Beyond

Nanotech

USE Nanotechnology

Nanotechnology

UF Nanotech

RT Science Fiction

*Black Summer**Transmetropolitan***Near East**

USE Middle East

New York

USE New York City

New York City

UF New York

NY

NYC

BT United States of America

RT Urban Life

*City of Glass**DMZ***Noir Fiction**

UF Film Noir

BT Crime

Fiction

RT Betrayal

Detective Fiction

Gangster Fiction

*5 is the Perfect Number**100 Bullets**Goldfish**Jonny Double**The Left Bank Gang***North America**

UF America

NT Canada

United States of America

Northwest Rebellion

BT Canada - History

Revolution

*Louis Riel***Nuclear War**

USE Doomsday Weapons

Nuclear Weapons

USE Doomsday Weapons

NY

USE New York City

NYC

USE New York City

Occult

USE Occultism

Occult Investigation

USE Detective Fiction - Paranormal

Occultism

UF Cthulhu Mythos

Mythos, Cthulhu

Occult

Thaumaturgy

NT Human Sacrifice

Masonic Rites

Summoning Horrors From Beyond

RT Detective Fiction - Paranormal

Magic

*Alan Moore's The Courtyard**The Invisibles**Hellboy**From Hell***Occupied Palestine**

USE Israel and the Palestinian Territories

Organized Crime

UF Gangsters
Mob
BT Crime
NT Gangster Fiction
5 is the Perfect Number
Batman Year One
Goldfish
The Long Halloween

Origin Story

USE Superhero Fiction – Origin Story

Overturning the System

UF Become the Ruling Body
BT Revolution
RT Anarchism
The Great Outdoor Fight

Palestine

USE Israel and the Palestinian Territories

Palestinian Identity

BT Israel and the Palestinian Territories
Politics
RT Arab Identity
Self Identity
Footnotes From Gaza

Parallel Universe

USE Alternate Universe

Paranormal Investigation

USE Detective Fiction - Paranormal

Paris - France - History

UF History of Paris
BT Europe
Paris
The Left Bank Gang

Persia

USE Iran

Pirate Fiction

UF Swashbuckling Fiction
BT Adventure Fiction
RT History
Watchmen

Planetary Defense

RT Environmentalism
Superhero Fiction - Superman
The Authority
Eternals

Police Procedurals

USE Detective Fiction - Police

Political Assassinations

UF Murder, Political
Political Murder
BT Assassinations
Politics
NT Presidential Assassinations - American
Transmetropolitan

Political Murder

USE Political Assassinations

Political Power

USE Politics

Politics

UF Political Power
NT Anarchism
Arab Identity
Betrayal - Politics
Cold War
Conspiracy
Intelligence Agencies
Jewish Identity
Political Assassinations
Power and Responsibility
Palestinian Identity
Presidential Politics - American
Revolution
Speaking Truth to Power
Superhero Registration
Terrorism
Totalitarianism
War
RT Journalism
Religion
DMZ
How to Understand Israel in 60 Days or Less

Post-Apocalyptic Fiction

USE Survival Fiction

Postmodern Superheroes

USE Superhero Fiction - Metatextual

Power and Responsibility

UF With Great Power Comes Great
Responsibility

BT Politics

NT Speaking Truth to Power
Vigilantism

RT Superhero Fiction

The Authority

Watchmen

Presidential Assassinations - American

UF American Presidential Assassinations

BT Conspiracy

Political Assassinations

Black Summer

Presidential Politics - American

UF American Presidential Politics

BT Politics

United States of America

Transmetropolitan

PR War

USE Public Relations War

Propaganda War

USE Public Relations War

Public Relations War

UF Image War

PR War

Propaganda War

BT War

RT Journalism

DMZ

Lex Luthor, Man of Steel

Transmetropolitan

Rafah

USE Gaza Strip

Rebirth

USE Resurrection

Recluse

USE Shut-ins

Religion

UF Cult

NT Catholicism
Judaism

RT Occultism

Infinite Typewriters

Renegades

USE Rogue Military Unit

Replicants

USE Robots

Representation

UF Symbolic Representation

Understanding Comics

Rebirth

USE Resurrection

Resurrection

UF Rebirth

NT Resurrection - Hero Thought to be Dead
Resurrection - Villain Thought to be Dead

RT Religion

Resurrection - Hero Thought to be Dead

BT Resurrection

RT Resurrection - Villain Thought to be Dead

Quiver

Resurrection - Villain Thought to be Dead

BT Resurrection

RT Resurrection - Hero Thought to be Dead

Star Wars: Dark Empire

Retirement

USE Making Way for the Next Generation

Revenge

UF Vendetta
Vengeance

100 Bullets

Afro Samurai

Lex Luthor, Man of Steel

The Losers

Revolution

BT Politics

NT Northwest Rebellion
Overturning the System

Louis Riel

Rites, Masonic

USE Masonic Rites

Rituals, Masonic

USE Masonic Rites

Robots

UF Androids
Artificial Humans
Replicants

NT Telepresence

RT Science Fiction

Jan's Robotic Heart

Rogue Intelligence Agent

BT Intelligence Agencies

Desolation Jones

Rogue Military Unit

UF Renegades

BT Military

The Losers

Switchblade Honey

Romance Fiction

UF Romantic Fiction

BT Fiction

RT Bromance Fiction

Scott Pilgrim

Romantic Fiction

USE Romance Fiction

Science Fiction

UF Cyberpunk
SciFi

SF

Speculative Fiction

BT Fiction

NT Science Fiction - Humorous
Science Fiction - Near Future
Space Opera

RT Robots

Superhero Fiction

The Authority

Black Summer

The Invisibles

Jan's Robotic Heart

Planetary

Planetary/Batman: Night on Earth

Transmetropolitan

Science Fiction Comedy

USE Science Fiction - Humorous

Science Fiction - Humorous

UF Science Fiction Comedy
Humorous Science Fiction

BT Science Fiction

Infinite Typewriters

Science Fiction - Near Future

UF Near Future Science Fiction

BT Science Fiction

DMZ

SciFi

USE Science Fiction

Secret History of the World

BT Conspiracy
History

Planetary

Self-Identity

City of Glass

Serial Killers

BT Crime
NT Jack the Ripper
RT Occultism
From Hell
The Long Halloween
Sam & Twitch

SF

USE Science Fiction

Shenzhen, China

BT Asia
Shenzhen

Shut-ins

UF Agoraphobic
Recluse
City of Glass

Sleeper Cells

BT Intelligence Agencies
Global Frequency

Slow Zombies

USE Zombies

Soviet Union

UF CCCP
USSR
BT Asia
Europe
RT Cold War
Totalitarianism
Superman: Red Son

Space Fantasy

USE Space Opera

Space Opera

UF Space Fantasy
Star Wars
BT Adventure Fiction
Science Fiction
Star Wars: Dark Empire
Switchblade Honey

Speaking Truth to Power

BT Journalism
Politics
Power and Responsibility
RT Overturning the System
DMZ
Transmetropolitan

Speculative Fiction

USE Science Fiction

Spider-man

USE Superhero Fiction

Spiderman

USE Superhero Fiction

Spring-Heeled Jack

USE Jack the Ripper

Spy Fiction

UF Espionage Fiction
BT Adventure Fiction
RT Intelligence Agencies
Queen & Country

Stolen Money

BT Crime
RT Noir Fiction
Jonny Double
The Left Bank Gang

Stories

USE Fiction

Suicide Bombers

USE Terrorism

Suicide Bombing

USE Terrorism

Summoning Horrors From Beyond

UF Monster Summoning
Mythos Creature Summoning
BT Occultism
RT Human Sacrifice
Alan Moore's The Courtyard
Hellboy
Quiver

Superhero Fiction

UF DC Universe
Green Arrow
Green Lantern
Marvel Universe
Spider-man
Spiderman
Superheroes
Superhumans
Superpowers
BT Fiction
NT Superhero Fiction - Batman
Superhero Fiction - Metatextual
Superhero Fiction - Origin Story
Superhero Fiction - Superman
Superhero Fiction - Team
Superhero Registration
RT Adventure Fiction
Science Fiction
Eternals
Quiver
Swamp Thing

Superhero Fiction - Batman

UF Bat-man
Batman
Joker
BT Superhero Fiction
RT Gotham City
Superhero Fiction - Superman
Twentieth Century - Mythology
Batman Year One
The Dark Knight Returns
The Long Halloween
Kingdom Come
Planetary/Batman: Night on Earth

Superhero Fiction - Metatextual

UF Postmodern Superheroes
BT Superhero Fiction
Watchmen

Superhero Fiction - Origin Story

UF Origin Story
Superheroic Origins
BT Superhero Fiction
Batman Year One
Superman: Red Son

Superhero Fiction - Superman

UF Lex Luthor
Luthor, Lex
Superman
BT Superhero Fiction
RT Metropolis
Superhero Fiction - Batman
Twentieth Century - Mythology
Kingdom Come
Lex Luthor, Man of Steel
Superman: Red Son

Superhero Fiction - Team

UF Fantastic Four
Justice League
Superteam
X-Men
BT Superhero Fiction
The Authority
Black Summer
Kingdom Come
Marvel 1602
Marvel Zombies
Planetary
Planetary/Batman: Night on Earth

Superhero Registration

BT Politics
Superhero Fiction
Watchmen

Superheroes

USE Superhero Fiction

Superheroes as New Gods

USE Twentieth Century - Mythology

Superheroic Origins

USE Superhero Fiction - Origin Story

Superhumans

USE Superhero Fiction

Superman

USE Superhero Fiction - Superman

Superman vs Batman

USE Epic Battles

Superpowers

USE Superhero Fiction

Superteam

USE Superhero Fiction - Team

Survival Fiction

UF Post-Apocalyptic Fiction

BT Fiction

RT Zombies

The Walking Dead

Swashbuckling Fiction

USE Pirate Fiction

Switzerland

BT Europe

Nylon Road

Symbolic Representation

USE Representation

Tales

USE Fiction

Talking Animals

USE Anthropomorphic Animals

Telepresence

BT Robots

RT Science Fiction

Jan's Robotic Heart

Terrorism

UF Suicide Bombers

Suicide Bombing

BT Politics

RT War

War on Terror

Jan's Robotic Heart

Timeline, Alternate

USE Alternate History

Toronto

BT Canada

Scott Pilgrim

Totalitarianism

UF Dictatorship

BT Politics

Superman: Red Son

Travelogue

BT Journalism

RT Memoir

Shenzhen

How to Understand Israel in 60 Days or Less

Twentieth Century - History

UF History of the Twentieth Century

BT History

NT Jewish Holocaust

World War 2

Watchmen

Twentieth Century - Mythology

UF Modern Myths

Mythology of the Twentieth Century

Superheroes as New Gods

BT Mythology

RT Superhero Fiction

Kingdom Come

Planetary

Planetary/Batman: Night on Earth

UK

USE United Kingdom of Great Britain

Ultimate Weapons

USE Doomsday Weapons

United Kingdom

USE United Kingdom of Great Britain

United Kingdom of Great Britain

UF Britain

UK

United Kingdom

BT Europe

NT Intelligence Agencies - British

London, UK

United States of America

UF US
 USA
 United States
 BT North America
 NT California
 Cleveland, Ohio
 Los Angeles
 New York City

Universe, Alternate

USE Alternate Universe

Underemployed Slackers

RT Making Way for a New Generation
Scott Pilgrim

Universe, Alternate

USE Alternate Universe

Universe, Parallel

USE Alternate Universe

United States

USE United States of America

Universe-Hopping

BT Alternate Universe
The Authority
Infinite Typewriters
Planetary/Batman: Night on Earth

Urban Life

UF Life in the City
 NT Urban Life - Future
 RT London, UK
 Los Angeles
 New York City
 Toronto
Shenzhen

Urban Life - Future

BT Urban Life
DMZ
Transmetropolitan

US

USE United States of America

USA

USE United States of America

USSR

USE Soviet Union

Vendetta

USE Revenge

Vengeance

USE Revenge

Victorian Detective Fiction

USE Detective Fiction - Victorian

Video Game Fighting Fiction

BT Martial Arts Fiction
Scott Pilgrim

Vigilante Justice

USE Vigilantism

Vigilantism

UF Vigilante Justice
 BT Power and Responsibility
 NT Vigilantism - Network
 Witch Burning
 RT Crime
 Superhero Fiction
Batman Year One
Watchmen

Vigilantism - Network

BT Vigilantism
 RT Crime
 Superhero Fiction - Team
Global Frequency

War

BT Politics
 NT Civil War
 Civilians in Wartime
 Military
 War Correspondence
 War on Terror
 World War 2
 RT Intelligence Agencies
 Alien Invasions
Switchblade Honey

War Correspondence

- UF War Reporting
Journalism - War
- BT Journalism
War
- NT War Correspondence - Fiction
- RT Civilians in Wartime

War Correspondence - Fiction

- BT War Correspondence
 - RT Civilians in Wartime
- DMZ*

War on Terror

- BT War
 - RT Terrorism
- Queen & Country*

War Reporting

- USE War Correspondence

Witch Burning

- UF Burning Witches
 - BT Vigilantism
 - RT Occultism
Politics
Religion
- Marvel 1602*

With Great Power Comes Great Responsibility

- USE Power and Responsibility

Women

Nylon Road

Writing

- NT Journalism
Writing - Instructional
- RT Drawing
Literary Analysis

The Left Bank Gang

Sandman

Transmetropolitan

Understanding Comics

Writing - Instructional

- BT Writing
- Making Comics*

X-Men

- USE Superhero Fiction - Team

Zombies

- UF Alien Zombies
Fast Zombies
Slow Zombies
- RT Survival Fiction

Marvel Zombies

The Walking Dead

3. Collection

5 is the Perfect Number - Igort

Gangster Fiction

Italy

Making Way for the New Generation

Noir Fiction

Organized Crime

100 Bullets – Brian Azzarello

Conspiracy

Gangster Fiction

Noir Fiction

Revenge

Afro Samurai – Takashi Okazaki

Ambition

Martial Arts Fiction

Revenge

Alan Moore's The Courtyard – Alan Moore

Alien Invasion – Language

Detective Fiction - Paranormal

Occultism

Summoning Horrors From Beyond

The Authority – Warren Ellis

Alien Invasion

Alternate Universe

Planetary Defense

Power and Responsibility

Science Fiction

Superhero Fiction - Team

Universe-Hopping

Batman Year One – Frank Miller

Gotham City

Organized Crime

Superhero Fiction - Batman

Superhero Fiction - Origin Story

Vigilantism

Black Summer – Warren Ellis

Nanotechnology

Presidential Assassinations - American

Science Fiction

Superhero Fiction - Team

Calvin & Hobbes – Bill Watterson

Anthropomorphic Animals

Children

Imagination

City of Glass – Paul Auster

Detective Fiction

Mistaken Identity

New York City

Self-Identity

Shut-ins

Dark Empire – Tom Veitch

Betrayal - Ideals

Resurrection - Villain Thought to be Dead

Space Opera

The Dark Knight Returns – Frank Miller

Cold War

Doomsday Weapons

Epic Battles

Making Way for a New Generation

Superhero Fiction - Batman

Desolation Jones – Warren Ellis

Adventure Fiction

Drugs

Los Angeles

Rogue Intelligence Agent

DMZ – Brian Wood

Civil War - American - Future

Civilians in Wartime

New York City

Politics

Public Relations War

Science Fiction - Near Future

Speaking Truth to Power

Urban Life - Future

War Correspondence - Fiction

Eternals – Neil Gaiman

Aliens

Mythology

Planetary Defense

Superhero Fiction

Footnotes in Gaza – Joe Sacco

Arab Identity

Civil War

Civilians in Wartime

Israel and the Palestinian Territories -
History

Journalism

Palestinian Identity

Rafah, Gaza Strip, Israel and the Palestinian
Territories

From Hell – Alan Moore
 Human Sacrifice
 Jack the Ripper
 London, UK - History
 Masonic Rites
 Occultism
 Serial Killers
 Victorian Detective Fiction

Global Frequency – Warren Ellis
 Adventure Fiction
 Sleeper Cells
 Vigilantism - Network

Goldfish – Brian Michael Bendis
 Cleveland
 Grifter
 Noir Fiction
 Organized Crime

The Great Outdoor Fight – Chris Onstad
 Anthropomorphic Animals
 Bromance Fiction
 California
 Fathers
 Overturning the System

Hellboy – Mike Mignola
 Betrayal - Destiny
 Mythology
 Paranormal Detective Fiction
 Summoning Horrors From Beyond

How to Understand Israel in 60 Days or Less – Sarah Glidden
 Israel and the Palestinian Territories
 Israel and the Palestinian Territories - History
 Jewish Identity
 Memoir
 Politics
 Travelogue

Infinite Typewriters – Jon Rosenberg
 Anthropomorphic Animals
 Apocalypse
 Religion
 Science Fiction - Humorous
 Universe-Hopping

The Invisibles – Grant Morrison
 Anarchism
 Drugs
 London
 Occultism
 Science Fiction

Jan's Robotic Heart – Simon Roy
 Frankfurt - Germany - Future
 Robots
 Science Fiction
 Telepresence
 Terrorism

Jewish Memoir Goes Pow! Zap! Oy! - Miriam Libicki
 Comics - History
 Jewish Identity
 Literary Analysis
 Memoir

Jonny Double – Brian Azzarello
 Betrayal
 Detective Fiction
 Noir Fiction
 Stolen Money

Kingdom Come – Mark Waid
 Doomsday Weapons
 Epic Battles
 Judging Humanity
 Making Way for a New Generation
 Superhero Fiction - Batman
 Superhero Fiction - Superman
 Superhero Fiction - Team
 Twentieth Century - Mythology

The Left Bank Gang – Jason
 Anthropomorphic Animals
 Drawing
 Mistaken Identity
 Noir Fiction
 Paris - France - History
 Stolen Money
 Writing

Lex Luthor, Man of Steel – Brian Azzarello
 Aliens
 Assassination
 Genetic Engineering
 Metropolis
 Public Relations War
 Revenge
 Superhero Fiction - Superman

The Long Halloween – Jeph Loeb
 Detective Fiction
 Gotham City
 Organized Crime
 Serial Killers
 Superhero Fiction - Batman

The Losers – Andy Diggle
 Adventure Fiction
 Betrayal - Politics
 Revenge
 Rogue Military Unit

Louis Riel – Chester Brown
 Biography
 Megalomania
 Northwest Rebellion
 Revolution

Making Comics – Scott McCloud
 Business - Instructional
 Drawing - Instructional
 Writing - Instructional

Marvel 1602 – Neil Gaiman
 Alternate History
 Intelligence Agencies
 Superhero Fiction - Team
 Witch Burning

Marvel Zombies – Robert Kirkman
 Alien Invasion
 Superhero Fiction - Team
 Zombies

Maus – Art Spiegelman
 Anthropomorphic Animals
 Fathers
 Guilt
 Jewish Holocaust

Nylon Road – Parsua Bashi
 Iran
 Memoir
 Switzerland
 Women

Planetary – Warren Ellis
 Conspiracy
 Science Fiction
 Secret History of the World
 Superhero Fiction - Team
 Twentieth Century - Mythology

Planetary/Batman: Night on Earth – Warren Ellis
 Alternate Universes
 Gotham City
 Science Fiction
 Superhero Fiction - Batman
 Superhero Fiction - Team
 Twentieth Century - Mythology
 Universe-Hopping

Queen and Country – Greg Rucka
 Afghanistan
 Intelligence Agencies - British
 Spy Fiction
 War on Terror

Quiver – Kevin Smith
 Resurrection - Hero Thought to be Dead
 Summoning Horrors from the Beyond
 Superhero Fiction

Sam & Twitch – Brian Michael Bendis
 Detective Fiction - Police
 Genetic Engineering
 Serial Killers

Sandman – Neil Gaiman
 Dream
 Faerie
 Imagination
 Magic
 Mythology
 Writing

Scott Pilgrim – Brian Lee O'Malley
 Epic Battles
 Romance Fiction
 Toronto
 Underemployed Slackers
 Video Game Fighting Fiction

Shenzhen – Guy DeLisle
 Animation
 Shenzhen, China
 Travelogue
 Urban Life

Superman: Red Son – Mark Millar
 Alien Invasion
 Alternate Universe
 Megalomania
 Soviet Union
 Superhero Fiction - Origin Story
 Superhero Fiction - Superman
 Totalitarianism

Swamp Thing – Alan Moore
 Earth Magic
 Environmentalism
 Superhero Fiction

Switchblade Honey – Warren Ellis
 Alien Invasion
 Rogue Military Unit
 Space Opera
 War

Transmetropolitan – Warren Ellis

Genetic Engineering

Gonzo Journalism - Fiction

Nanotechnology

Political Assassinations

Presidential Politics - American

Public Relations War

Science Fiction

Speaking Truth to Power

Urban Life - Future

Writing

Understanding Comics – Scott McCloud

Drawing

Literary Analysis

Representation

Writing

The Walking Dead – Robert Kirkman

Survival Fiction

Zombies

Watchmen – Alan Moore

Cold War

Doomsday Weapons

Pirate Fiction

Power and Responsibility

Superhero Fiction - Metatextual

Superhero Registration

Twentieth Century - History

Vigilantism

4. UCSH Guide Essay

I created the Unrau Comic Subject Heading guide (UCSH) to provide access to the contents of my collection of comics. In creating the guide I ran into a few difficulties, but ones that were surmountable, and in the end the guide revealed my collection in a different light than I'd considered it before.

Exclusivity

The main difficulty in creating my Subject Heading system was dealing with the division between what a given comic was about and deserved a heading. For example, in the book *Kingdom Come*, Star City is destroyed by rogue superheroes. Now this is a fairly important plot point, but it would be foolish to say that the book is *about* Star City. If I were using a more inclusive folksonomic tagging system, I wouldn't have felt the same need to make the judgement call; I would have tagged it Star City and let it go on. In the same vein, I'd have felt freer to label books based on characters that merely appeared in them, which would mean that if I was looking for every comic I had that mentioned Jean Grey, I'd have access to it. As it is, since Jean Grey isn't the main subject of any of my comics she is effectively invisible to my collection.

It would technically be possible to have made the subject heading guide include all sorts of characters and their role (Spiderman - Protagonist, Grey Hulk - Cameo) but the amount of work that would have taken, would be considerable. The selective nature of creating Subject headings means that I, the classifier, have to do a bit more work to determine exactly what merits inclusion in the scheme (I did determine that based on my collection listing the Batman and Superman stories would be useful), it also means the books are organized according to their *significant* contents. as opposed to assuming that quantity creates its own quality.

Alternate Universes & Continuity

One of the aspects of the creation of these headings that gave me the most trouble was the concept of comics continuity and alternate universes. Some of the comics being classified are about actual history or life in the real world that you and I walk around in. Some of them are set "in continuity" with the other comics their publisher produces. This means that what happens in one DC book is nominally supposed to have happened in all of them, since they share a universe. This interweaving of fictional universes lead to many arguments among comic fans as to what "really" happened.

For example, in the current continuity for Batman comics, Bruce Wayne has been sent back in time and other people are playing the role of Batman in Gotham City. Continuity-wise this is what's "really" happening. But Bruce Wayne has also been in his thirties since 1935, and the official history changes to update that constantly except in books like *The Dark Knight Returns* or *Kingdom Come* which look at him as an older man. Some of these are "official universes" and others are alternate universes. But, every universe, even the ones the realistic comics are set in, are an alternate to the real one we live in. To really accurately break down this superhero convention and have it apply equally well to all the books being classified would have been exceedingly fragmentary and ultimately almost pointless.

Since this is a Subject Heading exercise I refrained from splitting up the universes each comic took place in. There are lead-in terms from the big two publishers that lead to Superhero Fiction, which is what they're most known for. In practice, I labelled as comics being about Alternate Universes only if they explicitly dealt with travelling between them (as in *Planetary/Batman: Night on Earth*), or took familiar characters and changed the normal setting dramatically (as in Clark Kent being the Soviet Superpower in *Superman: Red Son*).

This difficulty highlights the fact that more context than just these subject headings is required to approximate a deep relationship with the materials. In a computerized version of this system, we'd be

able to correlate the subject headings with publication dates and publisher information, and detailed notes fields to get at some of these issues.

Other Issues

One of the greatest revelations I had about the collection of comics I was creating access to was how male-dominated my collection was. I only had one book that I would count as being about Women (as opposed to featuring female characters). This was something that wouldn't have come through nearly so clearly if I was doing some sort of tagging effort for female characters or had a faceted classification where there was a "number of female characters" facet. With those efforts I'd be able to point to numbers of books with females in them to say the collection isn't horribly gender-imbalanced. But having only a single Subject Heading for Women, and none for Men which implies its own andro-normative perspective is harder to rationalize.

Another weakness in the way that Subject Headings are applied to this categorization of comics is that there's no real way to address the aspects of the art styles. I suppose it would have been possible to separate the books into Colour and Black & White, Watercolour and Digital, but apart from the Scott McCloud books these comics aren't about the art. We don't put the fonts in the subject headings for regular texts. If we were tagging these books for a inclusion in a more general metadata scheme it would make sense to describe how they look, an important part of the form for graphic novels. Subject Headings leave that out entirely. This points to the need for more context by integrating these subject headings into a more general metadata system to be truly useful in giving all the access a person would need.

In conclusion, the use of Subject Headings for classifying these comics is a good, if somewhat lacking in context, means of organization. In the future I will probably end up using these headings as tags for the catalogue I have up on LibraryThing, where the additional context of fuller cataloguing can be brought to bear and the full extent of the stories I've collected can be appreciated.