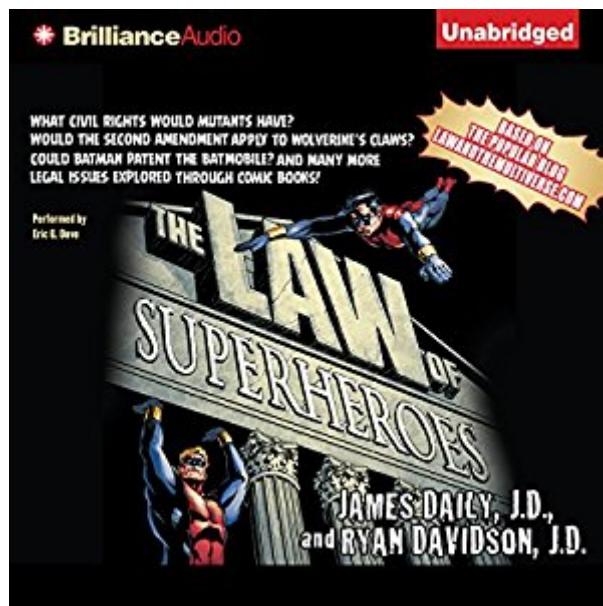


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The Law Of Superheroes



Synopsis

Could Superman sue if someone exposed his identity as Clark Kent? Is a life sentence for an immortal like Apocalypse "cruel and unusual punishment"? Is X-ray vision a violation of search and seizure laws? Is the Joker legally insane? And who foots the bill when a hero destroys a skyscraper or two while defending Metropolis? Fear not, gentle listener! The answers to these questions and a multitude more are contained inside this audiobook. Lawyers by day and comic book enthusiasts by night, James Daily, J.D., and Ryan Davidson, J.D., explain and explore the hypothetical legal ramifications of comic book tropes, characters, and powers, down to the most deliciously trivial detail. You'll learn about the basic principles of law in an engaging and accessible way through comics - from alternate universes and copyright laws to shape-shifters and witness testimony to contracts with the Devil. The Law of Superheroes is a must-listen for legal experts, true believers, and anyone who is ever called upon to practice law in the comic multiverse.

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Customer Reviews

Have you ever wondered if the United States could legally declare Gotham a No-Man's Land? Ever get into a midnight discussion at a convention of the constitutionality of the Superhero Registration Act that sparked Civil War? Ever find yourself debating the admissibility of telepathic information as court evidence? If so, you're my kind of person. You're also the kind of person who will love this book. Serious issues such as common law, mens rea, precedent cases, and the exact meaning and ramifications of the fifth amendment are discussed in both clear detail, and lighthearted style. I listened to the Audible version before picking up the Kindle book for reread and reference purposes

and can heartily recommend both. My favorite part was when they discuss Black Panther, and why one of his actions could be seen as an act of war against the United States (I'm very much on Atlantis's side in the Atlantis/Wakanda conflict). I want a sequel. The blog is good, but I want these guys to write another book. They're fantastic.

This book is absolutely perfect for me and will not be quite as perfect for anyone else. Hence the four stars. If part of you has been wondering your whole life what would REALLY happen if someone subpoenaed Spider-Man, or what the hell Tony Stark is doing with his flagrant disregard for international treaties, or what the legal standards of death might be in the Marvel Universe, this is the most enjoyable and thorough work imaginable. The book both analyzes the plausibility of the various legal solutions that comics writers have come up with over the years and extrapolates on those solutions to explain what the consequences would be for other superheroes if it were true. It's funnier than the blog--I think the authors are well-suited to a slightly longer form--and it doesn't spend too long on any one idea. The only potential problem is that the comics pages didn't transfer very readably to the Kindle edition, but as the captions explain all the necessary information, there's no real loss of content. If you are staring at the previous paragraph and thinking, "I have now seen depths of nerdiness I did not previously believe were possible," you are going to be bored by this book.

Really fun book, thought provoking for comic book fans who question how super heroes can act with impunity

Awesome book, especially for the lawyer/comic book nerd that is myself.

Solid treatment of a strange subject. Some of the essays I like from the blog are missing or condensed, but you can only pack so much in.

I first ran into Daily and Davidson (they even sound like a law firm) when I was doing research for my own books. Their website, Law and the Multiverse, acquainted me with the facts about state actors and why superheroes who worked closely with law-enforcement could easily mess up a case when it came to trial. After reading their posts on state actors, secret identities, and superhero insurance, I decided the traditional freelance vigilante model just wasn't going to work in my stories (I was striving for realism, an interesting goal for a piece of superhero fiction). So naturally, when I

saw that The Law of Superheroes was finally available, I snatched it up. I cannot recommend this book highly enough. Two groups of readers will read it cover-to-cover, highlight it, dog-ear it, pass it around, and have to get a second copy when their first wears out: first, and obviously, writers chronicling the adventures of superheroes (in comic-books or prose--a growing fiction-genre), and second, and more widely, anyone who referees a gaming group playing one of the many excellent superhero role-playing-games (Champions, Mutants & Masterminds, etc), The Law of Superheroes is an invaluable resource. If you belong to either of these two groups, get it. Get it now, before you write another chapter or host another episode. If you're anybody else and just like to think about this kind of stuff--and I believe this defines a significant portion of comic-book fandom--get it anyway just so you can mock the writers when they get it wrong. If they hear from enough of us, maybe they'll start to get it right.

Starts strong, but the finish gets a bit lean. Still fun seeing the characters I know used to talk about the legal system.

This book was great on almost every level. The authors know how to explain complex legal concepts without getting bogged down in too much detail while maintaining the light mood of the main focus--comics. Not only did they open my eyes to concepts I never would have considered could affect the comic book world, but I learned a lot about how the American legal system and the Constitution of the United States actually works in the real world. The only wish I had was that they would have gone into more detail on artificial intelligence and the law, but at least they recommended a book for further reading on the topic. Aside from that, this book could not have been better!

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