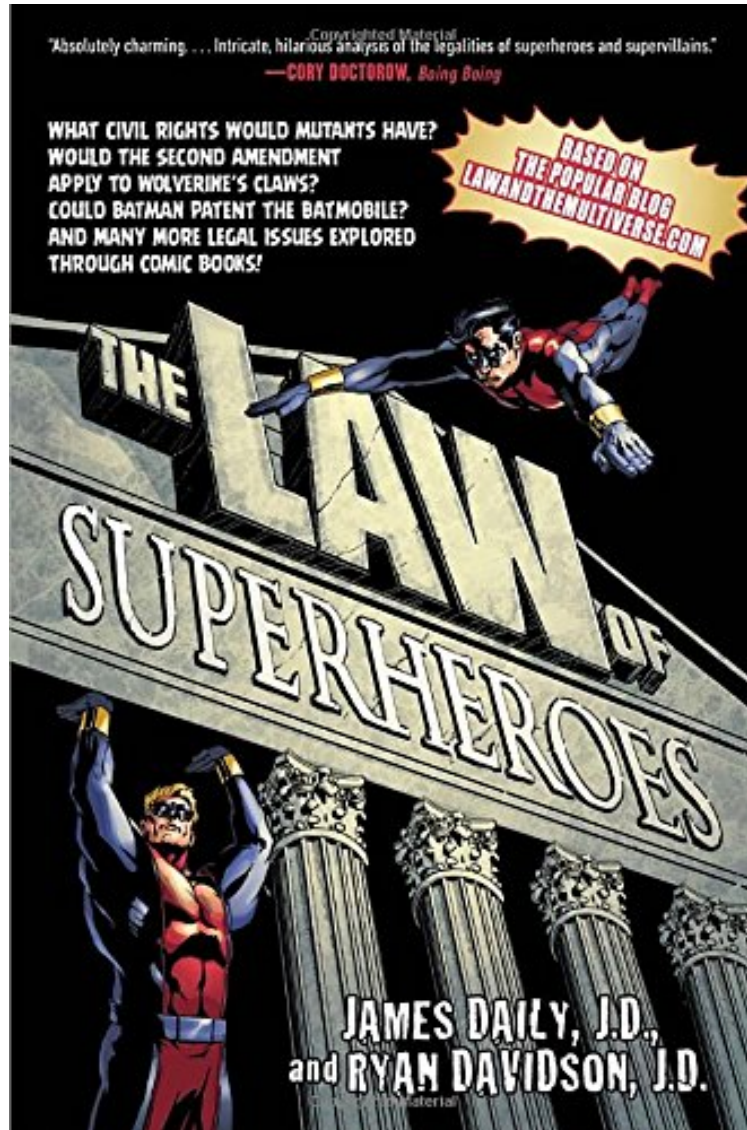


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you're my kind of person. You're also the kind of person who will love this book. Serious issues such as common law, mens rea, precedent cases, and the exact meaning and ramifications of the fifth amendment are discussed in both clear detail, and lighthearted 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. 9 of 10 people found the following review helpful. As funny as I was expecting and way more interesting. By sixquarters 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. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good book. By Charles M. Lord It is just a shame there is not more. It is updated sparingly now and there is overlap with the blog. This is a good writer who makes a dry subject fun.

An intriguing and entertaining look at how America's legal system would work using the world of comic books. Two brave heroes take on the comic multiverse, wielding the greatest superpower of all: the law. James Daily and Ryan Davidson, attorneys by day, comic enthusiasts all of the time, and founders of the popular website lawandthemultiverse.com have clearly found their vocation, exploring the hypothetical legal ramifications of comic book tropes, characters, and powers down to the most deliciously trivial detail. *The Law of Superheroes* asks and answers crucial speculative questions about everything from constitutional law and criminal procedure to taxation, intellectual property, and torts, including: Could Superman sue if someone exposed his true identity as Clark Kent? Are members of the Legion of Doom vulnerable to prosecution under RICO? Do the heirs of a superhero who comes back from the dead get to keep their inherited property after their loved one is resurrected? Does it constitute cruel and unusual punishment to sentence an immortal like Apocalypse to life in prison without the possibility of parole? Engaging, accessible, and delightfully educational, *The Law of Superheroes* is a must-have for legal experts, comic nerds, and anyone who will ever be called upon to practice law in the comic multiverse.

a highly readable survey of basic legal theory and an entertaining exploration of the comic book canon. Wall Street Journal insightful and entertaining look at how comic book heroes would be affected by real-life laws. Fortunately, Daily and Davidson are neither smart alecks nor ironic, and they take their work as seriously as Batman taking on his arch-villain Bane (although they can be as witty and sly as Catwoman at her best). Publisher's Weekly attorneys James Daily and Ryan Davidson have pulled it off so flawlessly in the educational and fun *The Law of Superheroes*. They did it just right. "*The Law of Superheroes*" is both entertaining and informative. People who aren't lawyers or law-geeks will learn something about the law, and lawyers and law-geeks will be thoroughly entertained at the application of familiar principles to comic extravaganzas. Popehat creatively conceived issues illuminate the answers to questions few have dared to ask, providing cogent analysis in a way that should be largely understandable to general readers. Kirkus SA pair of lawyers from the Midwest have decided to ask these questions in this engaging book. Legal tomes are not known for being readable and accessible, but this one manages to be. Book Guys Their website has spawned a book, *THE LAW OF SUPERHEROES*, which is one of the most subversive and nefarious books of the year. I came away from it feeling like I actually learned something about the history of American jurisprudence and how our laws actually work. *The Law of Superheroes* asks and answers crucial speculative questions about everything. Dail Motion (video) The book that we've all been waiting for is finally out. Great work by Daily and Davidson! I am already looking for Volume II. Patently OI cannot recommend this book highly enough. Marion Harmon superpowered geekery of epically entertaining proportions. A must-read for a dose of good geeky fun. Shelf-Awareness Absolutely charming intricate, hilarious analysis of the legalities of superheroes and supervillains. Cory Doctorow, Boing Boing. Insightful and entertaining look at how comic book heroes would be affected by real-life laws. Fortunately, Daily and Davidson are neither smart alecks nor ironic, and they take their work as seriously as Batman taking on his arch-villain Bane (although they can be as witty and sly as Catwoman at her best). Publishers Weekly attorneys James Daily and Ryan Davidson have pulled it off so flawlessly in the educational and fun *The Law of Superheroes*. They did it just right. *The Law of Superheroes* is both entertaining and informative. People who aren't lawyers or law-geeks will learn something about the law, and lawyers and law-geeks will be thoroughly entertained at the application of familiar

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