

The Pendulum of Popularity as Seen in Twelve Sporadically-Appearing Comic Characters: A Series of Charts

Chuck Brown (Kite Man)
 Character 2 out of 12
 First appearance: 1960
 Total appearances: 29

How These Charts Were Developed

All the characters for this series of charts were selected because there is a sporadic pattern to their comic-book appearances, whether due to deaths and resurrections, nostalgic revivals, or tie-ins to outside media, etc.

focused on characters with less than a thousand appearances, for the ease of processing.

appearances" here only include actual, original comic book appearances. They do not include reprints, trade paperbacks, or promotional comics. I did include some edge-case issues like the infamous **Marvel Swimsuit Special** comics that are not stories, but are in a sense new material.

got the information almost entirely from the website Comic Vine, although I used other sites when necessary.

Comic Vine is a wiki, its information is only as accurate as its wiki-writers, but generally speaking I find it to be very reliable when it comes to this sort of factual information. Any mistakes are more likely to be my own, so I transcribed all the data by hand and "hand-designed" the chart.

List of appearances accurately reflect the content of wiki as of October 29, 2019.

ates are cover dates, not in-store dates. character

time, not

e characters were in any major movies or TV shows, I d them in blue above the appropriate dates, so that correlation with an increase (or lack thereof) in the mber of their comic appearances around that time be seen.

In the bottom chart to the right, each black square represents one comic appearance by the character in a given month. The more black squares per month, the more appearances by that character for that month. There are nine possible spaces for each month; nine was chosen because that was the most appearances any character in this project had in a single month.

In the top chart, I collapsed the months and aggregated whole year's appearances into one set of concentrated bars, so it looks more like a bar chart.

the bottom chart shows a more fine-grained view of the data, showing the exact time when the character appeared, and the bottom chart provides a better visualization of how their appearances ebbed and flowed.

names and text underneath the top chart indicate the main comics that the character appeared in. The lines show the years the character appeared in the series. These featured red comics are a carefully-chosen selection of all the comics the character was in; they are intended to show the main appearances of the character's appearances at any given time to provide a complete list. If anyone does want the full list, contact me and I can send it to you. In the speaking, I included a series if the character appeared in it three or more times, if they were a team-member in the series, or if the series was significant to the character.

character was in a comic where more than one had the same (or a very similar) title, then I listed the volume started after the name of the

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