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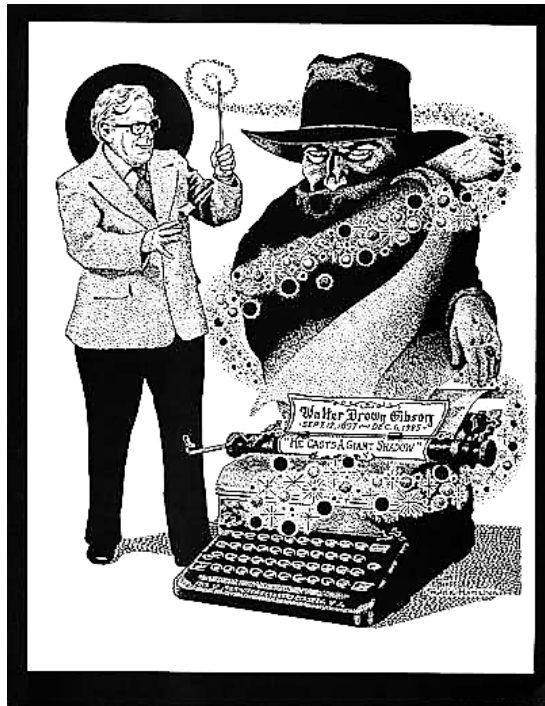
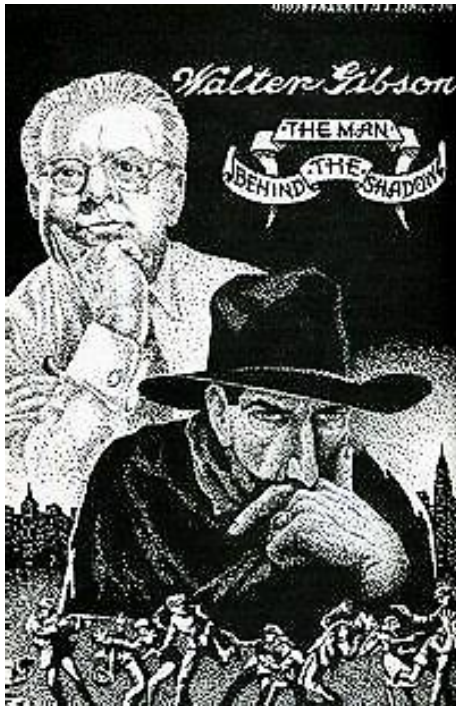
"It's your New York!"

# *The Rondout Reader*

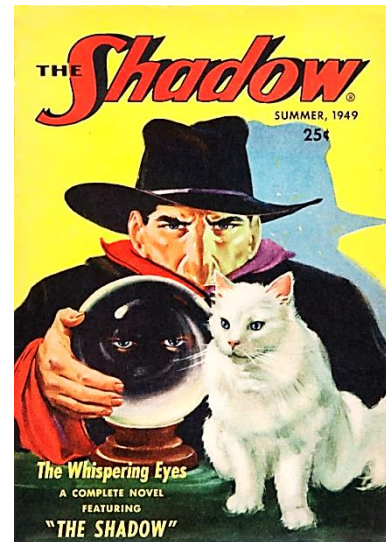
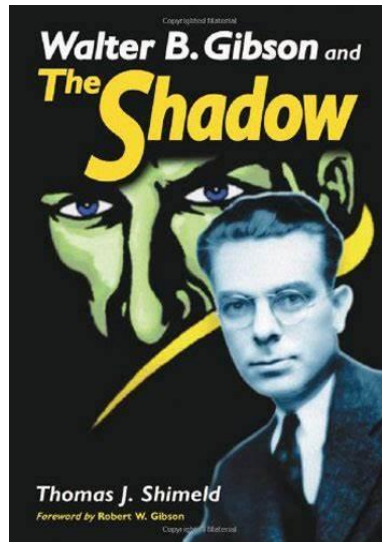
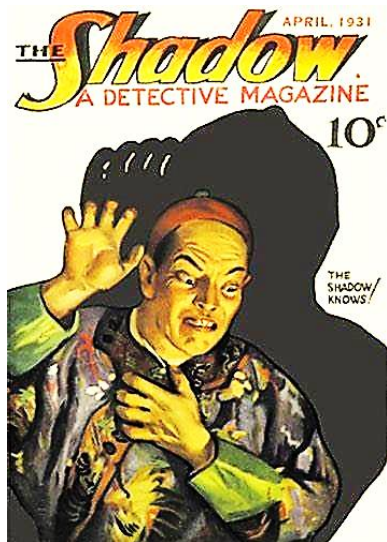


## ***Flight of Fantasy!***

By Kevin Ahearn



## THE *MAGIC* OF WALTER B. GIBSON



**THANK YOU, WALTER, FROM ALL OF US!**





**WHOO!** THE **SHADOW'S** BACK!



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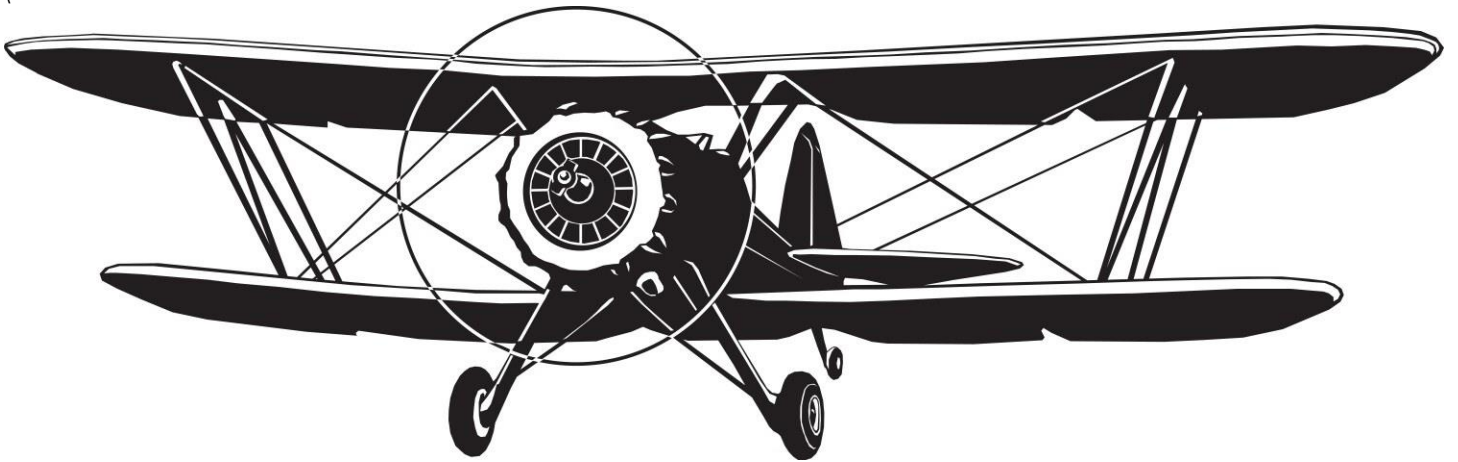


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WE DO OUR PART



# BLACK EAGLE







*"It's always best to start at the beginning."*



*"I'll fight like a wildcat until they nail the lid of my pine box down on me."*



*"I chose this life. I know what I'm doing."*

# 1914



*"If you've ever wondered about life after death and the immortality of the human spirit...that debate ends with me!"*

*"In real life, things were coming together!"*







*“Walter Gibson, superb storyteller and master magician created **the SHADOW** in stages...”*



*“I, Kent Allard, was the first stage. I quickly became an ace, then crashed on purpose to become a prisoner of war to help organize escapes!”*



*“The **Black Eagle**’ later escaped flying an enemy plane to safety!”*





*"Stage two: I became a spy, learned many languages and codebreaking. Saved lives without firing a shot!"*



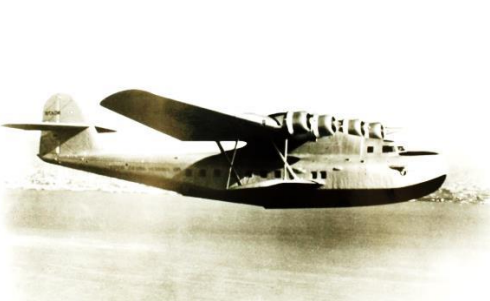
*"In Guatemala, the Xinca Indians saw me as a 'white god'! They soon trusted me and led me to..."*



*"I got to the gold and got rich before anybody ever heard of that later raider!"*



# 1930

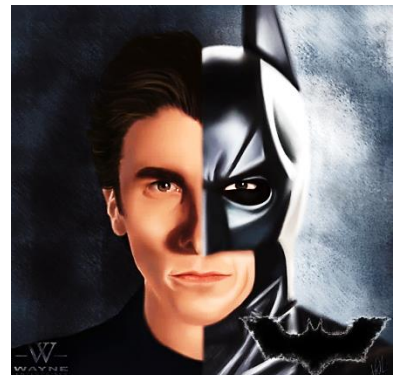


*"I finally flew home and was greeted like a longlost hero complete with a ticker tape parade!*

*"Then I disappeared!"*



*"Because before I could become the SHADOW,  
I had to become...**LAMONT CRANSTON**"*



*"Rich, worldly schizophrenic obsessed with fighting  
crime and evil everywhere against all comers!"*

*"No idea I'd be blazing a fresh American quest!"*

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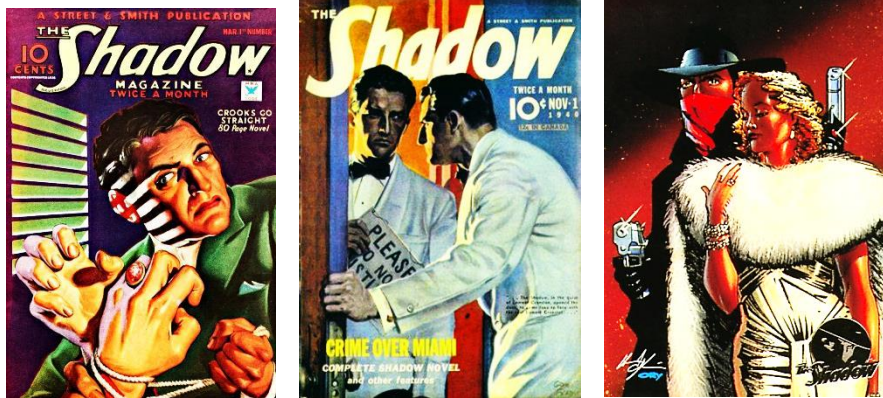
## **The SHADOW Strikes!**

**Three Mobsters dead, two critically wounded  
Has a new vigilante just been christened?**





*“But there was a Lamont Cranston problem: another Lamont Cranston was already in New York City!”*



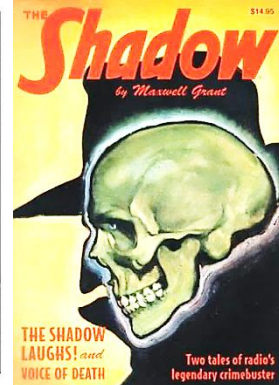
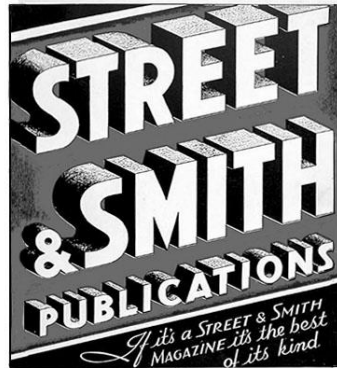
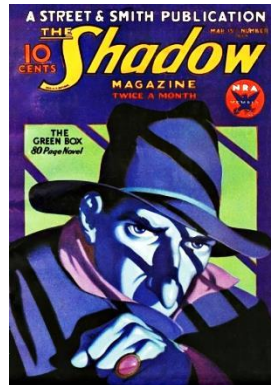
*“Merely a bump in the road for the genius of Walter B. Gibson. He had me meet my namesake and come to an agreement. The ‘other’ Cranston is a wealthy world-traveler and I would impersonate Cranston when he was out of town.*

*“To add to the SHADOW’s mystery, Kent Allard resembled Cranston so well that even Cranstons’ servants never got wise!*

*“Thoroughly confused? The master magician’s intent from Word One!”*



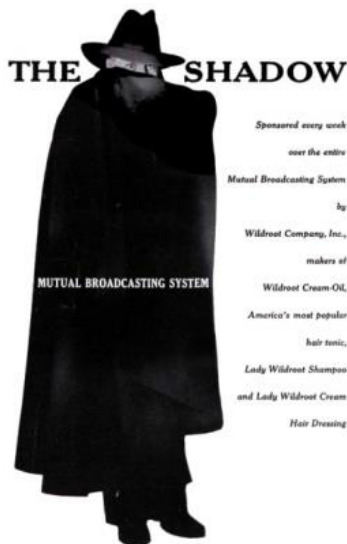
# 1930-1949



*"For all of a generation I dominated the magazine market until my publisher died.*

*"But not me!"*

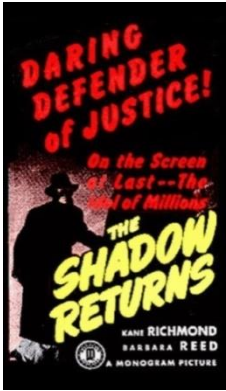
# 1930-1954



*"From the very first moment my voice, the very sounds out of my mouth, gave rise to the SHADOW, I conquered radio until television took over the world!"*

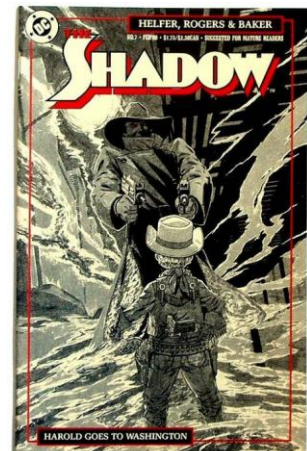
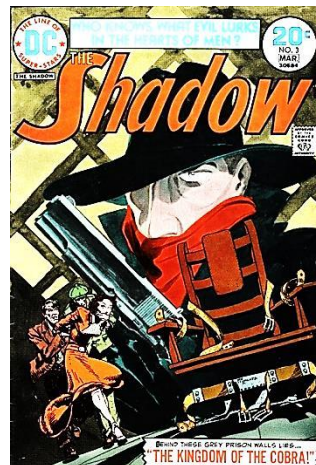


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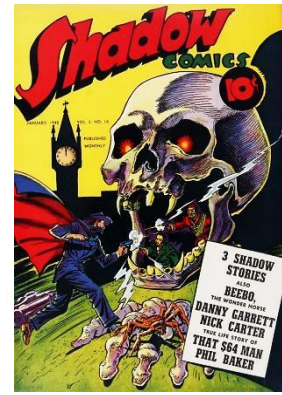


*"My string of misguided movies! Nobody's and evrybody's fault! None of them ever figured out what I really was... They couldn't believe in Walter's magic!"*

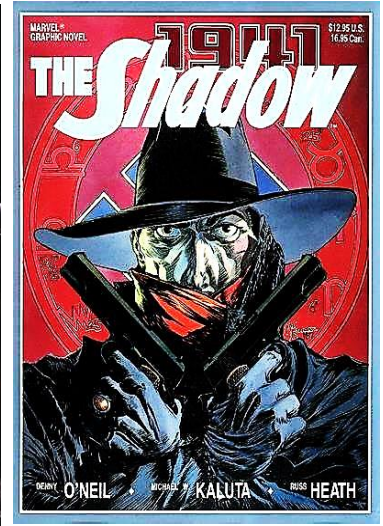
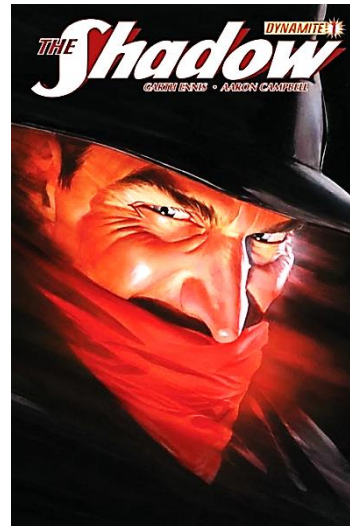
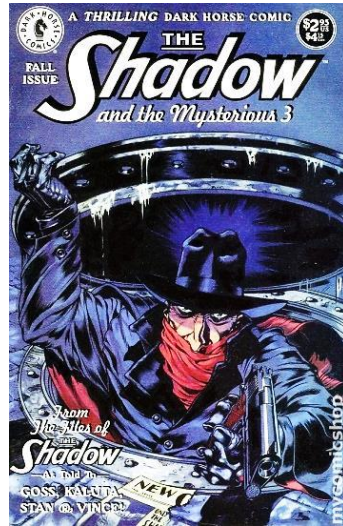
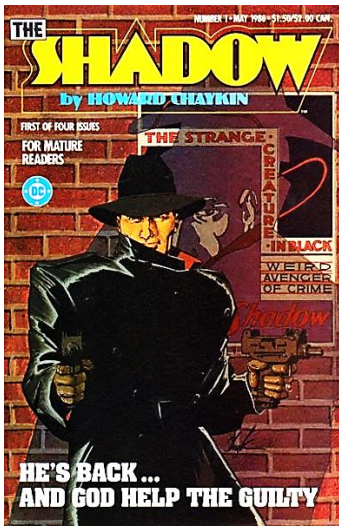
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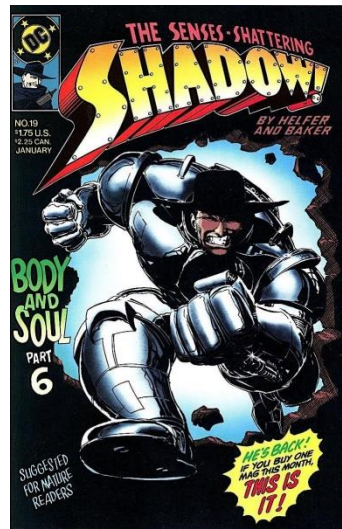
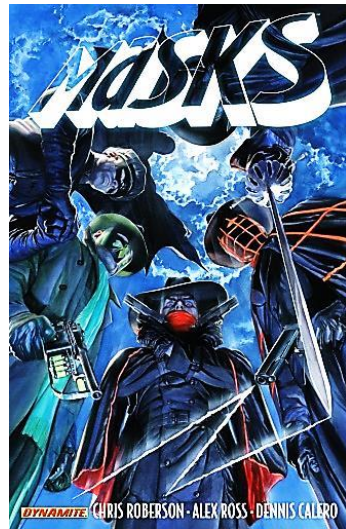
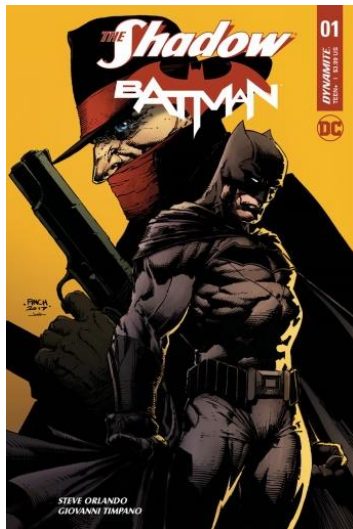




*"Comic books, comic books, and more comic books!"*



*"Desperate publishers looking everywhere for The SHADOW!"*



*"But try as they might, they couldn't find me anywhere!"*

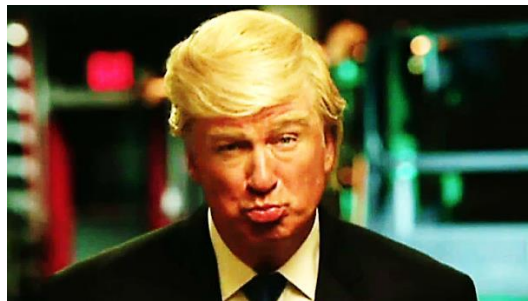


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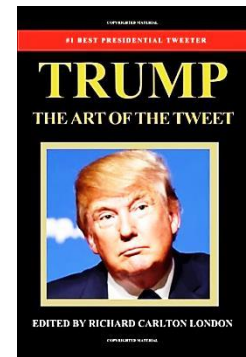
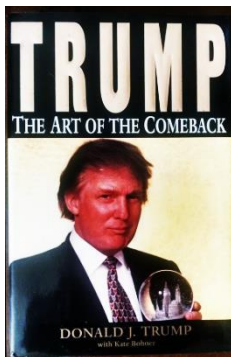
*"And now I have the means, and the nerve to go out magically!"*

## 1 Police Plaza...

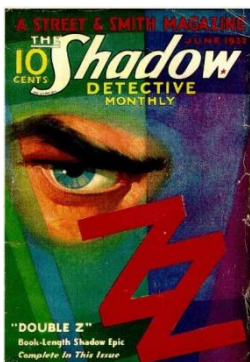


*"I'm sorry, commissioner. I tried to stop him, but..."*

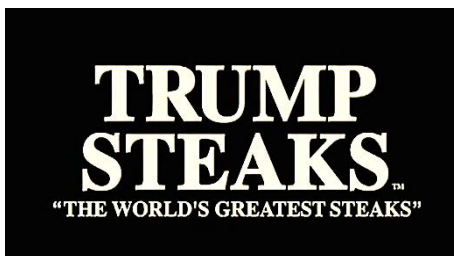
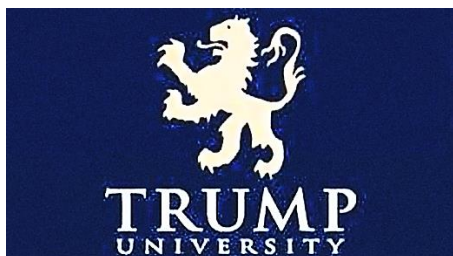
*"Nobody stops me! You didn't know that? Frank, did you really hire her?"*



*"Donald, what is it this time?"*



*"Help me! I've got a **SHADOW** problem!"*



*"Yes, you do, Donald! Seems a 'shadowy ghost' has been talking to some of your victims who have contacted a number of city agencies!"*



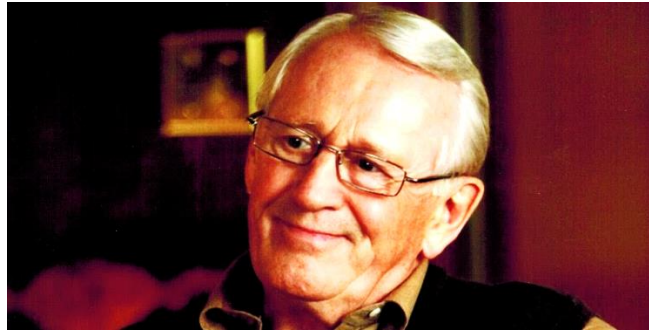
*"'Fake news', Frank! All of it! The **SHADOW** is the chief agent of the Deep State!"*







*"Wow! Sounds very serious!"*



*"What do you suggest we do?"*



*"I want an 'all-in' all-out effort by the NYPD!  
A 'Master of Darkness' Task Force to liquidate  
this supernatural menace!"*

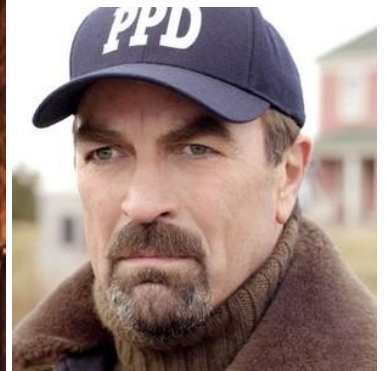
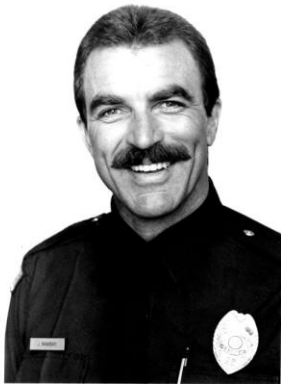






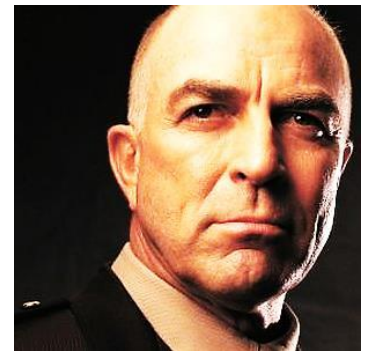
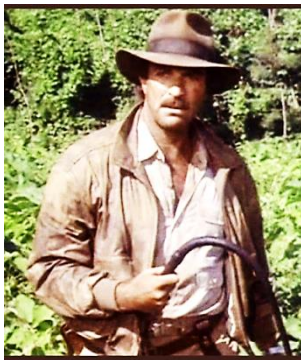
*"The SHADOW could be working for all those contractors you stiffed!"*

*"You ruined a lot of lives, hurt good families!"*



*"Frank, Frank, FRANK! Look at this family you've fostered!"*

*"Do you always have to be a cop?"*



*"No, Donald! I could have been a wily adventurer or even a President, but being an officer of the law has real meaning to it! You know what I mean, don't you?"*





*"I'm going to be President, Frank! And I will have your respect!"*



*"Maybe, Donald! But I'm not voting for you and I don't think the **SHADOW** will either!"*

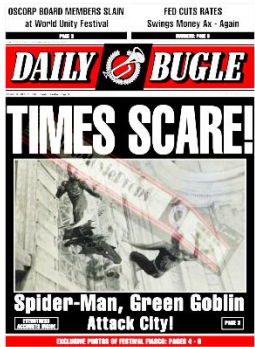
# DAILY BUGLE



*"Well, Doctor Strange, you are making progress versus the **SHADOW**?"*



***"Mr. Editor, we're in the middle of sensitive negotiations!"***



***"Negotiate what? He goes. End sf story!"***

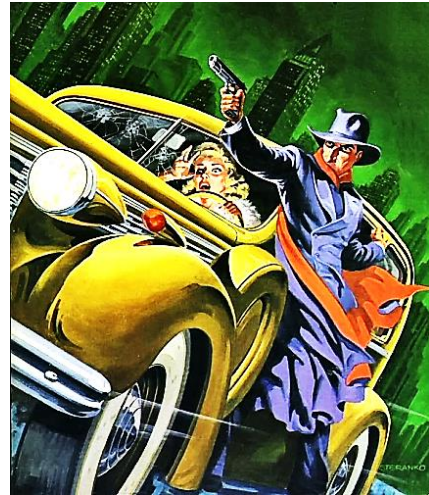


***"Not His story!"***  
***"Do not mistake 'The Master of Darkness' for one of your monthly menaces!"***





*"The Master of Darkness" is the man who never was, the magnificent avatar created by a magician who we made vanish into history. And now a vision and a voice, all that's left of the Shadow wants to be what he has never been...human!"*



*"Cut to the tophat and the rabbit, Dr. Strange!*

*"Is The **SHADOW** closing out of town or not?"*



*“Patience, Editor-in-Chief!  
The SHADOW is in the middle of  
yet another incredible adventure!”*

# NEW YORK COMIC CON 2011



*“The ‘tume and the ‘tude...SHADOW’s got’em both!”*





*"Best threads ever..."*

*"For picking up girls!"*



*"What used-to-be is the latest future!"*

*"Holy New Era! There's Zinda Blake!"*

# TMZ



*"Yes/No Question of the Day..."*

**"Do you believe in *The Shadow*?"**

# NEW YORK POST



## **SHADOW@Large!** **Commissioner@Wits' End**

*"We're dealing with an untouchable spirit or whatever you want to call this "Master of Darkness" who has assisted the **NYPD** in hundreds of bonafide arrests!"*

*"Gotham's got **Batman** and Metropolis **Superman**, New York City's got the **Shadow** all the way from Eddyville.*

*"You know, on the Rondout."*





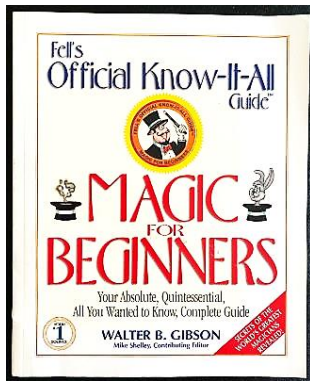
# EDDYVILLE, NEW YORK



*"My Mecca! The final home of my creator, the magical Walter Gibson!"*







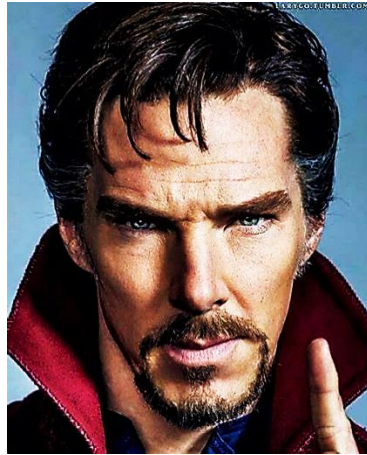
*"Ah, Dr. Strange! Have you found Margot Lane, the love of my life?"*

*"Yes, I have found Ms. Lane. But do you want to meet her as you are?"*



*"No, magician! I want to be the Kent Allard/Lamont Cranston Walter Gibson created me to be!"*





***"What? You would give up your immortality to be a very old man with little time left?"***



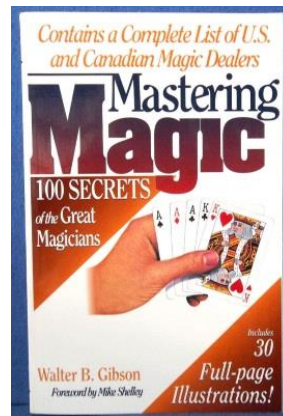
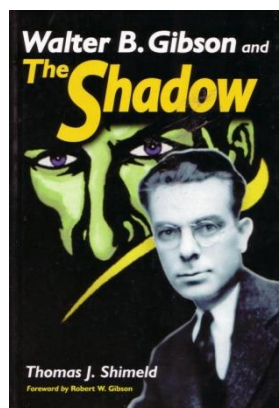
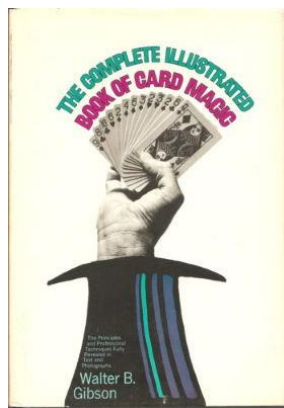
***"Oh, naïve Magician, 'the Master of Darkness' has been timeless for nearly a century!"***

***"Go gather your extra magic from wherever and whenever you may."***

***"This is about how I want to be remembered if only by one man!"***



***“The SHADOW has one last card to play!”***



***“Old Era or New Age?  
What does The SHADOW Want?  
(The Vice Presidency, maybe!)”***





# PLAYING FOR ABOUT POWER!

