

THE INCREDIBLE ALPHA FLIGHT

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Alpha Flight, volume 1, # 1 has 39 pages (38 pages of story and an introduction-essay page).

Alpha Flight, volume 2, # 1 has 41 pages (and a gate-fold wrap-around cover with two interior intro/recap pages).

Alpha Flight Special (1992) # 1 has 39 pages.

CHAOS WAR: ALPHA FLIGHT one-shot has 22 pages (with an intro/recap page).

X-Men/Alpha Flight (1986) # 1 has 48 pages and # 2 has 49 pages (*and very few ads*).

X-Men/Alpha Flight (1998) #s 1 and 2 have 32 pages.

According to Comichron's January, 2017 monthly rankings, 48,519 copies of **MIGHTY CAPTAIN MARVEL** # 1, were sold at \$3.99 and placed # 32 in Diamond Distributors' top 300. In March of 2012, **Alpha Flight** (volume 4) # 8 sold 18,408. And even though the **CHAOS WAR: ALPHA FLIGHT** one-shot was published the Wednesday right before Thanksgiving in 2010, it sold 17,164 copies.

While it may be unrealistic to believe that original **ALPHA FLIGHT** can garner an audience as large as the one it had in 1983, there are die-hard fans who would support an **Alpha Flight** comic book that has a solid story, a consistent creative team, and a favorable release date.

Going back to the basics usually results in a memorable comic book; the same can be done for Alpha Flight. Jim McCann and Reilly Brown did it in 22 pages (**CHAOS WAR: ALPHA FLIGHT**). However, with a team as large as **ALPHA FLIGHT**, ample room is needed to (re-) introduce the core members.

At one time, "**CANADA'S GREATEST HEROES**" were Jeanne-Marie Beaubier; Dr. James MacDonald Hudson; Heather McNeil Hudson; Marrina Smallwood; Jean-Paul Beaubier; Eugene Milton Judd; Dr. Walter Langkowski; Dr. Michael Twoyoungmen; Anne (Narya) McKenzie, and; Elizabeth Twoyoungmen, and they were portrayed as such.

That is why I suggest a comic book between 39 and 41 pages with a gate-fold wrap-around cover and no variant covers to more accurately gauge the true number of fans who are interested in **ALPHA FLIGHT**. If a new ALPHA FLIGHT special/one-shot sells *at least* 17,164 copies at \$3.99, it will generate \$68,484.36 in sales.

If it is done well, **ALPHA FLIGHT** may make the comeback it deserves.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Garry R. Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

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This (**superteam**) has been modified from its original version. It has been (**reformatted**) to fit this (**timeline**), to run in the (**space and time**) allotted, and is (**revised**) for content.

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