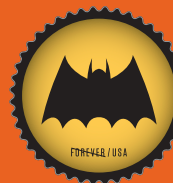
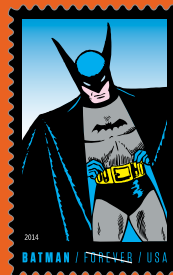


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BATMAN

In the world of comic book superheroes, no defender of justice has resonated as well as Batman. Now celebrating his 75th Anniversary, Batman has connected with nearly every generation he's reached, known by many names – the Caped Crusader, the Silent Guardian, the Dark Knight. He premiered in *Detective Comics #27* in March of 1939, drawn by Bob Kane in a script by Bill Finger. Batman's tale was a dark one: born to a billionaire fortune and christened Bruce Wayne, he witnessed his parents' murder as a child and dedicated himself to a life of fighting crime. Without the gift of "super powers," he is the epitome of human accomplishment, with a razor-sharp intellect, astonishing physical prowess, and an arsenal of high-tech gadgets.

Batman received his own feature comic series a year after his debut, and expanded his brand across television, film, and video games throughout the years. In movies, he has seen the most successful superhero franchise, and has been played by some of Hollywood's top leading men, including Adam West, Val Kilmer, George Clooney, Michael Keaton, and most recently, Ben Affleck. 2014's stamps honor Batman and his signature logo, throughout comics' Golden Age (late '30s-'50s), Silver Age (mid '50s-'70s), Bronze Age ('70s-mid '80s), and Modern Age.

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