

**The Incredible Hulk #1 (Marvel, 1962)** Marvel Silver Age Hero Comic #6. "Fantasy As You Like It!" was a bold enticement in 1962, especially from a comic publisher that was still lagging way behind industry leader DC five years into the Silver Age. But, as the world was to learn, with Stan Lee and Jack Kirby, the highly improbable was possible! Without any try-out (even Spidey had his one-shot try-out in Amazing Fantasy), the Hulk burst onto the scene with his own comic book title. He lasted all of six issues before being relegated to high profile guest appearances in other Marvel titles, then gaining co-starring status in Tales to Astonish. By 1968, of course, the Monster had his own title again, and became one of the most enduringly popular Marvel characters of all. Jack Kirby provided one of his most memorable covers for this premiere issue, and handled the interior art as well. One of the harder Marvel Age keys to find in high-grade, evidenced by CGC statistics. This book has long had the reputation of being one of the most difficult Marvel issues to find in high grade, and that has been borne out by CGC's census data as noted below. The main reason for this is of course the midnight-blue cover background, which ruthlessly exposes the smallest imperfection in any given copy. And of course, one side effect of this was that when collectors did have such "dings" on their copies, the temptation to try to touch up the color breaks was too much for many of them to resist, hence there are many restored copies in circulation. The Marvel line as we know it today had not been around very long when this, Marvel's second Silver Age superhero series, appeared cover-dated 5/62 -- Fantastic Four, the only series to precede it, was merely on its fourth issue. Spider-Man and Thor would follow before 1962 was out, as did Ant-Man (while Henry Pym's first appearance pre-dates Hulk #1, he didn't become Ant Man until 9/62). Marvel had hardly put itself on the map in the minds of superhero collectors by this point, and the whole Hulk series was no overnight success, being canceled after six issues. In addition to the origin and first appearance of the Hulk (who was gray here before becoming green in issue #2), this landmark book has the key first appearances of Rick Jones, Betty Ross, and Thunderbolt Ross. Jack Kirby provided the cover art.

#2 most valuable 1<sup>st</sup> appearance silver age Marvel (1960-62) comic. Print run estimate: 125,000 copies.

CGC Universal 437 copies / NM 9.6 or better = 0 copies / Heritage Auctions sold 40 copies as of 9/2010

CGC Universal 648 copies / NM 9.6 or better = 0 copies / Heritage Auctions sold 120 copies as of 10/2013

CGC Universal 804 copies / NM 9.6 or better = 0 copies / Heritage Auctions sold 120 copies as of 7/2015



**OVERSTREET ANNUAL PRICE GUIDE VALUES FOR EACH GRADE**

	2.0	4.0	6.0	8.0	9.0	9.2
2015	\$3,500.00	\$7,000.00	\$10,500.00	\$38,500.00	\$94,250.00	\$150,000.00
2014	\$2,400.00	\$4,800.00	\$7,200.00	\$32,000.00	\$76,000.00	\$120,000.00
2013	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$67,500.00	\$105,000.00
2012	\$1,800.00	\$3,600.00	\$5,400.00	\$26,000.00	\$58,000.00	\$90,000.00
2011	\$1,700.00	\$3,400.00	\$5,100.00	\$20,000.00	\$47,500.00	\$75,000.00
2010	\$1,400.00	\$2,800.00	\$4,200.00	\$16,800.00	\$40,900.00	\$65,000.00
2009	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$32,000.00
2008	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$32,000.00
2007	\$750.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,250.00	\$8,500.00	\$18,500.00	\$28,500.00
2006	\$725.00	\$1,450.00	\$2,175.00	\$7,975.00	\$16,988.00	\$26,000.00
2005	\$700.00	\$1,400.00	\$2,100.00	\$7,700.00	\$16,350.00	\$25,000.00
2004	\$667.00	\$1,334.00	\$2,000.00	\$7,400.00	\$15,250.00	\$23,000.00
2003	\$633.00	\$1,266.00	\$1,900.00	\$6,950.00	\$12,975.00	\$19,000.00
2002	\$600.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,800.00	\$6,000.00	\$11,500.00	\$17,000.00
2001	\$600.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,800.00	\$6,000.00	\$10,500.00	\$15,000.00
2000	\$545.00	\$1,090.00	\$1,635.00	\$4,900.00	\$8,550.00	\$12,000.00

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The Incredible Hulk #1 (Marvel, 1962) CGC NM- 9.2 Off-white pages....  
 Lot 92198 CGC NM- 9.2 -- Auction ended on Nov 19, 2009 Sold For: \$125,475.00‡

The Incredible Hulk #1 (Marvel, 1962) CGC VF 8.0 Off-white pages....  
 Lot 93165 CGC VF 8.0 -- Auction ended on Jul 27, 2012 Sold For: \$29,875.00‡

The Incredible Hulk #1 (Marvel, 1962) CGC VF+ 8.5 White pages. "Fantasy As You Like It!" was a bold enticement in 1962, espe... Lot 3456 CGC VF+ 8.5 -- Auction ended on Feb 7, 2004 Sold For: \$29,037.50‡

The Incredible Hulk #1 (Marvel, 1962) CGC VF- 7.5 Off-white to white pages....  
 Lot 93166 CGC VF- 7.5 -- Auction ended on Jul 27, 2012 Sold For: \$19,717.50‡

The Incredible Hulk #1 (Marvel, 1962). Origin and first appearance of the Hulk. Jack Kirby is the artist on this issue and t... Lot 6766 CGC VF/NM 9.0 -- Auction ended on Mar 16, 2002 Sold For: \$18,400.00‡

The Incredible Hulk #1 (Marvel, 1962) CGC VF- 7.5 Off-white to white pages....  
 Lot 92196 CGC VF- 7.5 -- Auction ended on Feb 25, 2010 Sold For: \$17,925.00‡

**CGC COMICS - ALL GRADED/SLABBED COPIES - CENSUS TO CHECK RARITY**

Incredible Hulk 1 (5/62,Marvel Comics)	Universal	804	3.91	0	0	0	0	1	4	10	6	11	24	30	40	32	46	55	55	72	
Books	CGC Label	CGC Total	Avg. Grade	10	9.9	9.8	9.6	9.4	9.2	9.0	8.5	8.0	7.5	7.0	6.5	6.0	5.5	5.0	4.5	4.0	
Incredible Hulk 1 (5/62,Marvel Comics)	Signature	114	3.02	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	4	1	8	9	7	4
Incredible Hulk 1 (5/62,Marvel Comics)	Restored	239	4.96	0	0	0	0	2	3	8	10	13	10	17	14	19	17	19	14	22	
Incredible Hulk 1 (5/62,Marvel Comics)	Qualified	17	4.06	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	
Incredible Hulk 1 United Kingdom (5/62,Marvel Comics)	Universal	17	3.40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	4	
Incredible Hulk 1 United Kingdom (5/62,Marvel Comics)	Signature	3	4.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Incredible Hulk 1 United Kingdom (5/62,Marvel Comics)	Restored	6	4.33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1
Incredible Hulk 2 (7/62,Marvel Comics)	Universal	546	4.47	0	0	0	2	2	8	6	8	17	15	24	26	33	38	40	59	56	
Incredible Hulk 2 (7/62,Marvel Comics)	Signature	43	3.77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	5	0	5	5	2	
Incredible Hulk 2 (7/62,Marvel Comics)	Restored	77	4.92	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	4	3	1	2	8	5	8	9	8	8	
Incredible Hulk 2 (7/62,Marvel Comics)	Qualified	7	5.57	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	
Incredible Hulk 2 United Kingdom (7/62,Marvel Comics)	Universal	5	4.70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	
Incredible Hulk 3 (9/62,Marvel Comics)	Universal	465	4.77	0	0	0	3	4	4	6	11	11	25	28	32	25	31	35	42	51	
Incredible Hulk 3 (9/62,Marvel Comics)	Signature	26	4.22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	0	3	2	2	
Incredible Hulk 3 (9/62,Marvel Comics)	Restored	54	5.05	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	5	4	4	3	4	4	5	8	
Incredible Hulk 3 (9/62,Marvel Comics)	Qualified	6	5.18	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	
Incredible Hulk 3 United Kingdom (9/62,Marvel Comics)	Universal	5	4.10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	
Incredible Hulk 4 (11/62,Marvel Comics)	Universal	558	5.12	0	0	0	4	7	7	15	19	33	35	32	32	32	31	45	47	51	