

**The Amazing Spider-Man #22 (Marvel, 1965)** 1<sup>st</sup> appearance of Princess Python, as rendered by stellar Steve Ditko, who also drew the cover.

#9 most valuable 1<sup>st</sup> appearance 1965 silver age Marvel comic. Print run estimate: 320,000 copies.

Princess Python is the name of two characters in Marvel Comics. Zelda DuBois, born in Darlington, South Carolina, developed an act as a snake charmer and circus performer using a twenty-five foot python as a young adult. Presumably, she joined the Circus of Crime in its early days but isn't actually seen as a professional criminal until the formation of the Masters of Menace. It is, in fact, the Princess who convinces the others to get rid of the Ringmaster, appoint the Clown as the leader, rename the group (she comes up with the name), and go out on a crime spree of their own. The Masters of Menace steal paintings from a Madison Avenue Art Gallery where they run afoul of Spider-Man. However, the web-slinger is unwilling to hit a woman and turns out to be putty in Zelda's hands. She tries to remove his mask but he stops her in time. She maneuvers the wall-crawler into a fight with her pet after jamming his web shooters with an electric prod, but is defeated when Spider-Man tricks the python into a knot and maneuvers her into the arms of the law. When they get out of prison, the Masters of Menace agree to rejoin the Ringmaster and his Circus of Crime. They try to hypnotize Avengers' members Hawkeye, Quicksilver, and the Scarlet Witch into joining them but fail. Princess Python fights hand-to-hand with the Scarlet Witch after trying to cover her eyes, but loses when the Witch uses her hex power to soak her down with water, preventing her whistling for her pet. The Circus of Crime does escape capture, however, though it is later mentioned the D.A. "wormed the truth out of Princess Python".

CGC Universal 435 copies / NM+ 9.6 or better = 6 copies / Heritage Auctions sold 92 copies as of 9/10

CGC Universal 546 copies / NM+ 9.6 or better = 11 copies / Heritage Auctions sold 125 copies as of 9/12

CGC Universal 686 copies / NM+ 9.6 or better = 12 copies / Heritage Auctions sold 156 copies as of 9/15



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	2.0	4.0	6.0	8.0	9.0	9.2
2015	\$38.00	\$76.00	\$114.00	\$285.00	\$641.00	\$1,000.00
2014	\$38.00	\$76.00	\$114.00	\$281.00	\$628.00	\$975.00
2013	\$37.00	\$74.00	\$111.00	\$274.00	\$612.00	\$950.00
2012	\$37.00	\$74.00	\$111.00	\$278.00	\$602.00	\$925.00
2011	\$38.00	\$76.00	\$114.00	\$304.00	\$690.00	\$900.00
2010	\$40.00	\$80.00	\$120.00	\$308.00	\$592.00	\$875.00
2009	\$37.00	\$74.00	\$111.00	\$284.00	\$530.00	\$775.00
2008	\$36.00	\$72.00	\$108.00	\$270.00	\$498.00	\$725.00
2007	\$35.00	\$70.00	\$105.00	\$263.00	\$444.00	\$625.00
2006	\$34.00	\$68.00	\$102.00	\$255.00	\$415.00	\$575.00
2005	\$33.00	\$66.00	\$99.00	\$248.00	\$387.00	\$525.00
2004	\$29.00	\$58.00	\$87.00	\$210.00	\$355.00	\$500.00

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The Amazing Spider-Man #22 (Marvel, 1965) CGC NM 9.4 Off-white pages.... Lot 91332 CGC NM 9.4 -- Auction ended on Nov 13, 2008 Sold For: \$4,481.25‡

The Amazing Spider-Man #22 (Marvel, 1965) CGC NM 9.4 Off-white to white pages. Everybody loves the Clown, so why doesn't Spi... Lot 1020 CGC NM 9.4 -- Auction ended on Feb 9, 2005 Sold For: \$1,380.00‡

The Amazing Spider-Man #22 (Marvel, 1965) CGC NM 9.4 Off-white to white pages. You'll want to wrap your coils around this is... Lot 5737 CGC NM 9.4 -- Auction ended on Dec 7, 2002 Sold For: \$1,121.25‡

The Amazing Spider-Man #22 (Marvel, 1965) CGC NM- 9.2 White pages.... Lot 43048 CGC NM- 9.2 -- Auction ended on May 4, 2007 Sold For: \$896.25‡

The Amazing Spider-Man #22 (Marvel, 1965) CGC NM- 9.2 Off-white to white pages. Take the Circus of Crime from issue #16, sub... Lot 16017 CGC NM- 9.2 -- Auction ended on Dec 5, 2004 Sold For: \$862.50‡

The Amazing Spider-Man #22 (Marvel, 1965) CGC NM- 9.2 White pages. In addition to overall great condition, this book has bet... Lot 41284 CGC NM- 9.2 -- Auction ended on Nov 16, 2006 Sold For: \$836.50‡

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

Amazing Spider-Man 20 (1/65,Marvel Comics)	Universal	962	6.56	0	0	4	11	25	43	55	91	99	73	101	87	71	41	71	55	48	22	28	8	5	1	1	0	22
Amazing Spider-Man 20 (1/65,Marvel Comics)	Signature	80	5.21	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	4	3	5	4	5	5	9	6	8	5	5	1	1	0	0	0	2	8
Amazing Spider-Man 20 (1/65,Marvel Comics)	Restored	66	5.96	0	0	0	0	2	1	4	11	3	4	5	6	4	3	3	5	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	8
Amazing Spider-Man 20 (1/65,Marvel Comics)	Qualified	89	5.58	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	4	9	9	2	8	5	12	15	9	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	1
Amazing Spider-Man 21 (2/65,Marvel Comics)	Universal	648	7.00	0	0	3	13	35	38	52	54	83	74	71	40	27	22	36	30	21	17	13	3	2	3	0	1	10
Amazing Spider-Man 21 (2/65,Marvel Comics)	Signature	37	5.67	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	2	3	3	1	2	6	1	3	3	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	4
Amazing Spider-Man 21 (2/65,Marvel Comics)	Restored	17	4.82	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Amazing Spider-Man 21 (2/65,Marvel Comics)	Qualified	39	6.15	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	5	3	5	4	3	5	2	3	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amazing Spider-Man 22 (3/65,Marvel Comics)	Universal	686	7.11	0	0	3	9	34	42	47	84	89	78	53	57	44	28	31	22	21	18	8	9	4	1	0	1	3
Amazing Spider-Man 22 (3/65,Marvel Comics)	Signature	30	6.58	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	2	6	6	2	0	1	4	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Amazing Spider-Man 22 (3/65,Marvel Comics)	Restored	34	7.46	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	7	8	3	1	1	1	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	3.5	3.0	2.5	2.0	1.8	1.5	1.0	0.5
Amazing Spider-Man 22 (3/65,Marvel Comics)	Qualified	8	5.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amazing Spider-Man 23 (4/65,Marvel Comics)	Universal	845	6.72	0	0	1	5	12	28	55	74	125	95	99	74	55	41	47	37	32	16	24	6	4	1	5	0	10
Amazing Spider-Man 23 (4/65,Marvel Comics)	Signature	46	5.36	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	2	6	2	5	1	4	2	5	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	3
Amazing Spider-Man 23 (4/65,Marvel Comics)	Restored	63	6.92	0	0	0	0	3	3	5	8	12	9	4	3	0	4	1	2	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3
Amazing Spider-Man 23 (4/65,Marvel Comics)	Qualified	37	5.88	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	4	4	5	0	1	2	2	4	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amazing Spider-Man 24 (5/65,Marvel Comics)	Universal	675	7.00	0	0	1	10	26	41	60	64	90	75	58	42	43	28	47	23	15	20	10	10	2	5	1	3	1
Amazing Spider-Man 24 (5/65,Marvel Comics)	Signature	28	6.40	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	4	2	2	1	4	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Amazing Spider-Man 24 (5/65,Marvel Comics)	Restored	27	7.21	0	0	0	0	1	4	5	4	1	0	2	3	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Amazing Spider-Man 24 (5/65,Marvel Comics)	Qualified	6	6.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amazing Spider-Man 25 (6/65,Marvel Comics)	Universal	823	6.88	0	0	4	11	37	36	73	64	85	89	91	58	48	43	64	39	25	20	15	8	6	2	3	1	1
Amazing Spider-Man 25 (6/65,Marvel Comics)	Signature	59	5.97	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	4	5	5	5	3	6	7	4	6	3	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	2
Amazing Spider-Man 25 (6/65,Marvel Comics)	Restored	48	6.84	0	0	0	0	2	1	4	4	7	5	7	2	4	0	6	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Amazing Spider-Man 25 (6/65,Marvel Comics)	Qualified	11	5.92	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amazing Spider-Man 26 (7/65,Marvel Comics)	Universal	755	6.90	0	0	3	17	21	37	59	72	85	90	72	53	52	35	37	37	33	21	7	12	5	2	2	0	3
Amazing Spider-Man 26 (7/65,Marvel Comics)	Signature	29	5.72	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	2	3	3	1	1	1	3	3	2	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	1
Amazing Spider-Man 26 (7/65,Marvel Comics)	Restored	36	6.88	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	6	1	4	8	1	2	2	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amazing Spider-Man 26 (7/65,Marvel Comics)	Qualified	9	5.89	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amazing Spider-Man 27 (8/65,Marvel Comics)	Universal	725	6.99	0	0	2	8	21	31	62	81	105	71	78	55	47	28	37	23	29	18	16	5	4	1	2	1	2