

The Amazing Spider-Man #25 (Marvel, 1965) First appearance of Mary Jane Watson (face not shown). First appearance of Professor Spencer Smythe and his Spider Slayer. Steve Ditko cover and art.

#8 most valuable 1st appearance 1965 silver age Marvel comic. Print run estimate: 320,000 copies.

Mary Jane Watson, often shortened to M.J., is a fictional supporting character appearing originally in Marvel comic books and later in multiple spin-offs and dramatizations of the Spider-Man titles as the best friend, love interest, and one-time wife (as Mary Jane Watson-Parker) of Peter Parker, the alter ego of Spider-Man, after the death of Gwen Stacy. Initially, upon her introduction, she had a friendly rivalry with Gwen for Peter's affections. In the 2002–2007 Spider-Man film trilogy, Mary Jane was played by actress Kirsten Dunst as Spider-Man's main love interest. Mary Jane Watson is first mentioned in *The Amazing Spider-Man* #15 (Aug. 1964), and is initially used as a running joke of the series, as Peter Parker's Aunt May repeatedly attempts to set her unwilling nephew up on a date with her. Parker (a.k.a. Spider-Man) consistently worms his way out of meeting Mary Jane who, aside from a brief appearance in #25 (June 1965) with her face obscured, is never actually seen until *The Amazing Spider-Man* #42 (Nov. 1966). Peter David wrote in 2010 that artist John Romita, Sr. "made the definitive statement of his arrival by pulling Mary Jane out from behind the oversized potted plant [that blocked the readers' view of her face in issue #25] and placing her on panel in what would instantly become an iconic moment." Romita has stated that in designing Mary Jane, he "used Ann-Margret from the movie *Bye Bye Birdie* as a guide, using her coloring, the shape of her face, her red hair and her form-fitting short skirts." According to co-creator Stan Lee, Mary Jane was originally intended to be simply a rival for Gwen Stacy for the affections of Peter Parker. Lee had always intended for Gwen Stacy to be Spider-Man's one true love. The pairing of Mary Jane and Peter Parker became one of the most prominent couples in the superhero genre. The names "Mary Jane" and "M.J." are also common slang terms for marijuana. When asked about this, Stan Lee claimed it was purely coincidental, that he knew nothing about drugs and never tried marijuana

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Amazing Spider-Man 22 (3/65,Marvel Comics)	Qualified	8	5.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	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	98	74	55	41	47	37	32	16	24	6	4	1	5	0	10	
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Amazing Spider-Man 23 (4/65,Marvel Comics)	Qualified	37	5.88	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	4	4	5	0	1	2	2	4	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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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	
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