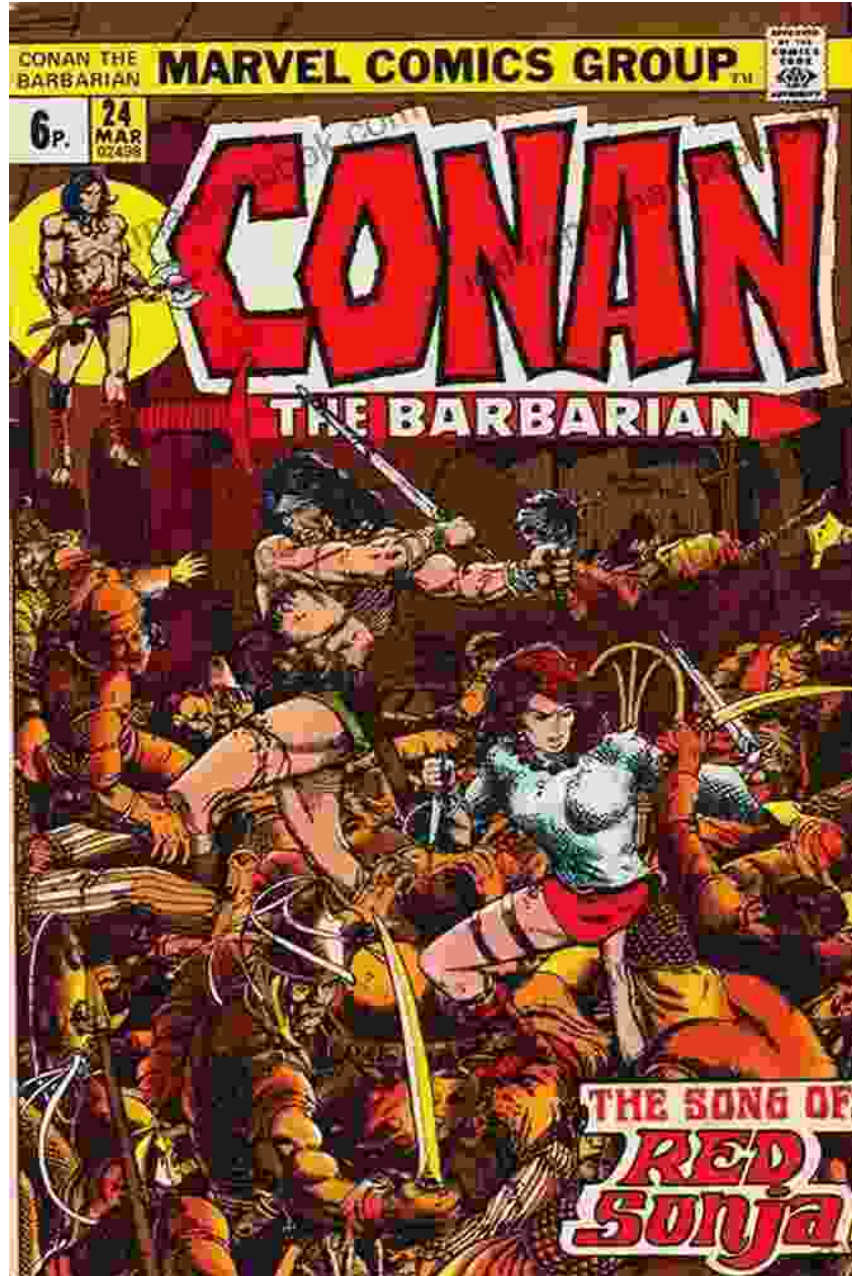


# Conan the Barbarian: A Legendary Saga from the 1970s to the 1990s by Roy Thomas



## : The Rise of a Barbarian Hero

Conan the Barbarian is a fictional character created by American author Robert E. Howard in the 1930s. A powerful warrior from the barbaric age,

Conan is known for his strength, courage, and cunning. He has been featured in numerous stories, novels, films, and comic books over the years, becoming a beloved icon of popular culture.



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One of the most influential and acclaimed interpretations of Conan came from comic book writer Roy Thomas. Thomas wrote the Conan the Barbarian comic book series for Marvel Comics from 1970 to 1993, crafting epic tales that expanded upon Howard's original stories and introduced new characters and adventures.

### The Marvel Years: 1970-1993

Thomas's Conan the Barbarian comic book series debuted in 1970 and quickly gained popularity. The series featured stunning artwork by Barry Windsor-Smith, John Buscema, and other talented artists, who brought Conan's world to life with vivid detail.

Thomas's writing captured the essence of Howard's original stories, while also adding his own unique flair. He delved into Conan's rich backstory, exploring his origins as a Cimmerian warrior and his travels across the Hyborian Age. Thomas also introduced new characters, such as the

sorceress Red Sonja and the pirate Red Nails, who became fan favorites in their own right.

The Conan the Barbarian comic book series ran for 275 issues, making it one of the longest-running and most successful comic book series of all time. It won numerous awards, including the Eisner Award for Best Continuing Series in 1975 and the Shazam Award for Best Writer (Roy Thomas) in 1973.

### **The Legacy of Roy Thomas's Conan**

Roy Thomas's Conan the Barbarian comic book series had a profound impact on the character and his legacy. Thomas's writing and the stunning artwork of his collaborators brought Conan to life for a new generation of readers, solidifying his status as a pop culture icon.

The series also introduced new concepts and characters that would go on to become integral parts of the Conan mythos. For example, Thomas introduced the concept of the Serpent Men, a race of reptilian humanoids who would become one of Conan's most enduring enemies.

Thomas's Conan the Barbarian comic book series has also inspired numerous other works, including films, television shows, and video games. The character has been portrayed by a variety of actors, including Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jason Momoa, and Ralf Moeller, each bringing their own interpretation to the role.

### **: A Timeless Saga Continues**

Roy Thomas's Conan the Barbarian comic book series is a masterpiece of the genre. Thomas's writing and the stunning artwork of his collaborators

created a rich and immersive world that captured the imagination of readers for decades. The series remains one of the most beloved and influential comic book series of all time, and it continues to inspire new generations of fans.



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