

# Stan Lee Biography

Stan Lee (1922-2018) was an American editor, screenwriter and businessman, one of the most notable comic book creators, being coresponsible for major Marvel Comics superheroes and villains such as Spider-Man, Thor, Hulk, X-Men, Black Panther the Daredevil, Iron Man and Fantastic Four. Stanley Martin Lieber, known as Stan Lee, was born in Manhattan, New York, United States, on December 28, 1922. The son of Romanian immigrant Jews began work early. From an early age he liked to write and as a teenager planned to start a novel.



## **First Creations**

After graduating from high school at the age of 16 while studying at the WPA Federal Theater Project, Stan Lee became an assistant at the publisher and was hired by publisher Timely Comics, who belonged to Martin Goodman, husband of his cousin Jean Goodman. Martin Goodman's new division for pulp and comic books, with the help of Uncle Robbie Solomon in 1939. Shortly thereafter, he was formally hired by Timely editor Joe. His first assignments went far from editing as he was tasked with sweeping. the floor and serve coffee.

Stan Lee's first opportunity to write a story came with Captain America, created by the trio Syd Shores, Joe Simon and Jack Kirby., Who at the time was the patriot hero, a symbol in the fight against the Nazis in World War II. Under the pen name Stan Stan, he signed the tale "Captain America Smashes Revenge of the Betrayer." In 1942, Lee was hired as a publisher and until the 1950s, he created several comic books, including The Witness, The Destroyer, Jack Frost and Black Marvel. In the mid-1950s, the company was renamed Atlas Comics, 60's

Throughout the 1960s, Lee edited most of the publisher's comic book series, as well as writing a monthly column known as "Stan's Soapbox." In 1961, the publisher Atlas Comics released the series "The Fantastic Four," created by Stan Lee and Jack Kirby, which tells the story of four astronauts who gain superpowers after a cosmic incident. The series revolutionized the comic book market and attracted an older audience, making Marvel Comics one of the most important comic book publishers in the United States. In 1962, "Spider-Man" was created, created by Stan Lee and Steve Ditko, which tells the story of a teenager who shared his adventures with problems in high school and with accounts payable, as he did not have a steady job but who became one of the most popular heroes in comics. "He is one of the most beloved heroes in the world and can make all fans happy," said Lee.



Throughout the 1960s, in partnership with Jack Kirby and Steve Ditko, Lee created other iconic characters, a gallery of human heroes such as "Hulk" (1962), "Iron Man" (1963) and "The Avengers" (1963). Still in 1963, it launched the X-Men, a team of mutants that were marginalized and harassed by humans.

Marvel continued to thrive and in 1972 Lee became editorial director. In 1980, he directed Marvel Productions, which focused on the production of TV series and movie films. Stan Lee has turned his comic book heroes into cartoons, which have become more and more champions of audiences. In 1981 Lee went to Los Angeles to negotiate contracts with film producers. For a few years, he struggled to include Marvel's heroes in Hollywood. In 1998, with the success of Blade the Vampire Hunter, Fox acquired the rights of X-Men, released in 2000, and Spide Men, released in 2002, and Sony acquired Spider-Man, released in 2005.

Other Lee creations that received special Hollywood treatment were Deredevil (2003), Hulk (2003) and Iron Men (2008). Lee often made appearances in special roles in these films. In 2008, Lee was awarded the National Medal of Art.

## Personal life

Stan Lee's appearances in Marvel comic-book superhero movies began in 1989 when he appeared in The Incredible Judgment Hulk (1989). But it was from the 2000s, with the expansion of the Marvel Film Universe, that Lee's special presence on the big screen became more recurrent. In 2009, Walt Disney Co. bought Marvel Entertainment for \$4 billion in a deal to expand Disney's character list with Lee's most iconic works. By this time, Lee had split from Marvel after being named emeritus president of the company. But even in his 80's and 90's, Lee was a source of new projects, running a company called POW! Entertainment.

Dozens of Marvel Comics films, with nearly every major character created by Lee, were produced in the early decades of the 21st century, grossing over \$ 20 billion in worldwide theaters.

Lee served in the US Army during World War II, between 1942 and 1945. His task was to produce manuals and scripts for training films. Stan Lee was married to British model Joan Boocock between 1947 and 2017. Together they had daughters Joan Celia Lee and Jan Lee. Stan Lee passed away in Los Angeles, California, on November 12, 2018.

#### Birth date

12/28/1922

### **Date of Death**

11/12/2018 (at the age of 95)



