

WONDER WOMAN

THE AMAZING AMAZON

FIRST APPEARANCE ALL-STAR COMICS #8 (Winter 1941)
STATUS HERO **REAL NAME** Diana
OCCUPATION Ambassador of peace; adventurer
BASE New York City; Themyscira
HEIGHT 6ft **WEIGHT** 165 lbs **EYES** Blue **HAIR** Black
SPECIAL POWERS/ABILITIES Blessed with the gifts of the Olympian Gods, Wonder Woman is one of the strongest beings on the planet; she can fly at sublight speed; while not invulnerable, she is highly resistant to bodily harm; she can psychically communicate with animals; she is an expert at all forms of classical armed and unarmed combat; a master of the sword, ax, and bow and arrow; a skilled tactician and diplomat; her arsenal includes a magic lasso that forces anyone within its confines to tell the absolute truth; her bracelets can deflect bullets.



WISE AS ATHENA, stronger than Heracles, swift as Hermes and beautiful as Aphrodite, Wonder Woman is Princess Diana, champion of Themyscira, the home of the immortal AMAZONS. Sculpted from clay by her mother, Queen HIPPOLYTA, and brought to life by the OLYMPIAN GODS, Diana secretly entered a contest to find the worthiest Amazon and emerged as the victor. Given the task of ending the war god Ares's made scheme to destroy the planet, Diana stepped forth from her idyllic existence into the chaotic world of Man as one of Earth's greatest defenders, Wonder Woman, the Amazing Amazon!



REBIRTH The Amazon warrior emerges from seclusion on Paradise Island to thwart Nazi tyranny.

SCULPTED FROM CLAY

The reincarnated soul of a woman who had died 30,000 years ago, Hippolyta longed for the child she had carried centuries before. An oracle told her to sculpt a baby from clay; the gods themselves then gave the child life. The only child ever born on Themyscira, the infant was named Diana, after aviator Diana Trevor, who once crashed on Themyscira and died a hero defending the island. Princess Diana was raised by a nation of 3,000 teachers and sisters, always under the watchful eye of her overprotective mother.



THE CONTEST

The goddesses ordered the Amazons to send for their greatest warrior to thwart Ares's mad schemes. Forbidden by Hippolyta to enter the Contest, Diana disguised herself and became Themyscira's champion. Garbed in a uniform decorated with symbols honoring Diana Trevor, Diana was rewarded with a magic lasso and silver bracelets. Soon after, Steve Trevor, Diana Trevor's son and an unwitting pawn of Ares, crash-landed on Themyscira. Diana was charged with taking him back to Patriarch's World, the mortal world of humankind, as part of her sacred mission.



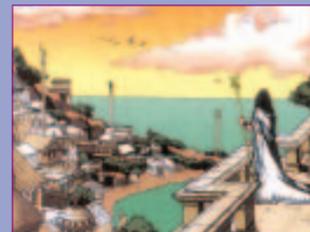
THE MADNESS OF ARES

After battling Ares' monstrous sons upon her arrival in Patriarch's World, Diana, Steve, and several allies were mystically transported to a commandeered military base in Colorado where Wonder Woman stopped Ares from launching his nuclear arsenal and ended his insane threat. Diana then embarked on a worldwide tour promoting peace and Amazon ideals. Living with Julia and Vanessa Kapatelis in their Boston brownstone, Wonder Woman garnered a formidable Rogues Gallery which included the CHEETAH, SILVER SWAN, DOCTOR PSYCHO, and the sorceress CIRCE, who most resented Diana's pleas for peace and harmony.



THE AMAZONS AND THEIR ISLAND

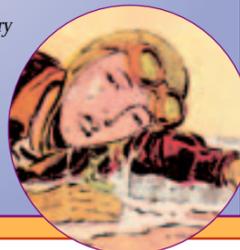
Created 3,000 years ago by five goddesses of Olympus, the Amazons are a race of warrior women charged with the responsibility of promoting the peaceful



ways of Gaea, the earth spirit. After Heracles and his men ransacked the Amazons' home of Themyscira, the Amazons, by decree of the goddesses, were led to a remote island paradise, where they were granted immortality and the task of guarding Doom's Doorway, the portal to Pandora's Box, behind which a host of monsters were imprisoned.

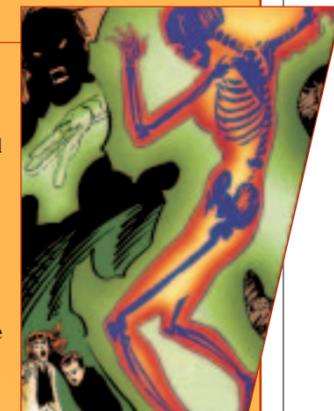
Rebuilding their great city-state of Themyscira, the Amazons lived in idyllic solitude for millennia, until a pilot from beyond their shores named Diana Trevor arrived on Paradise Island, changing their fate forever.

DIANA TREVOR A pilot for the Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron, Diana Rockwell Trevor pierced the mystic barrier between our world and Themyscira. Crash-landing on the island, the startled pilot used her weapons to fore Cottus, a creature that had escaped from Doom's Doorway, back to the underworld. Diana gave her life to save the Amazon nation.



THE DEATH OF DIANA

Forseeing the death of her daughter in a mystic vision, Hippolyta called for a new contest, and used the sorceress Magala to manipulate its outcome. Diana was forced to forsake her mantle and title and a rival Amazon, ARTEMIS, became the new Wonder Woman. But after Artemis's death at the hands of the White Magician, Diana reclaimed her role as Wonder Woman. Tragically, the spell that Magala cast on Diana was still in place when the devilish NERON attacked, and the hellspawn killed the Amazon princess with a blast of demonfire.



THE REBIRTH OF DIANA

Diana was resurrected on Olympus as the Goddess of Truth. Meanwhile, the Amazons tried Hippolyta for her trickery and decreed that, as penance, she would have to take up her daughter's mantle and mission as Wonder Woman. So Hippolyta journeyed back in time to World War II and joined the JUSTICE SOCIETY OF AMERICA for a time. After Hippolyta's return to the present, Diana returned to the mortal plane, and once again became Wonder Woman.

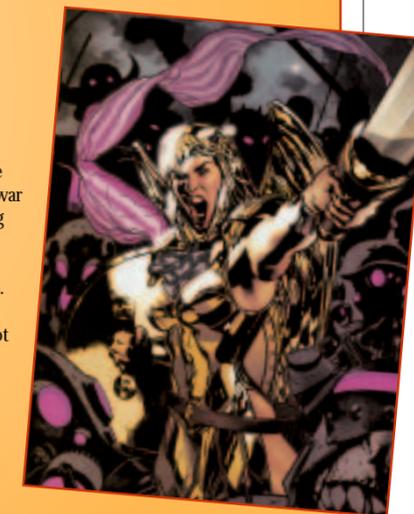


KEY STORYLINES

- **WONDER WOMAN (2ND SERIES) #1-6** (FEB.–JULY 1987): Introducing Wonder Woman's modern history and mission as an ambassador of peace.
- **WONDER WOMAN: THE CONTEST** (TPB, 1995): After Hippolyta manipulates a new challenge, Artemis becomes the new Wonder Woman!
- **WONDER WOMAN (2ND SERIES) #196-200** (NOV. 2003–MAR. 2004) Diana publishes her book as the Silver Swan attacks.

OUR WORLDS AT WAR

Soon after, Diana and Hippolyta abolished the monarchy of Themyscira to end a deadly civil war that had consumed Paradise Island. Then, during the Imperix War (see Great Battles, pp. 320–1), Diana was severely injured by alien probes, and Hippolyta sacrificed herself to save the universe. Diana then led a united Amazon nation against the forces of IMPERIEX and BRAINIAC 13, but not before Themyscira was destroyed. With the blessings of the gods and the spirit of her mother Hippolyta, Diana and the Amazons created a new, even more miraculous Themyscira (see Amazing Bases, 120–1) to be their home.



PRINCESS, AMBASSADOR, AND AUTHOR

Forsaking her royal title after the dissolution of the Themysciran monarchy, Wonder Woman proudly wears the robes of Amazon ambassador, not only to the United Nations but to societies across the universe. After several years living, working and fighting for peace beyond the shores of Paradise Island, Diana wrote a controversial book recording her observations,



WORLD TOUR Diana promotes her book, Reflections.

thereby adding authorship to her long list of credits. Born a princess on an island of immortal women created by the gods themselves, Wonder Woman has become one of Earth's finest warriors and a legend

across half the galaxy. To many her nature is paradoxical, but to Diana, her mission is clear: to promote the ways of peace, love, and equality while staunchly defending the innocent from the forces of evil as a premiere member of Earth's greatest heroes, the JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA. PJ

GODLY TRICKERY Ares, now the God of Conflict, has assumed a handsome, cunning guise, confounding the Amazing Amazon.

