

The Incredible Hulk: A Journey Through Green Rage, 1962-1999

The Incredible Hulk was created by Stan Lee and Jack Kirby, and first appeared in *The Incredible Hulk #1* in May 1962. The character was inspired by the classic monster movies of the 1930s and 1940s, such as *Frankenstein* and *King Kong*. Lee and Kirby wanted to create a character who was both sympathetic and terrifying, a monster who could be seen as a victim as well as a threat.

The Hulk's alter ego, Bruce Banner, is a brilliant scientist who is accidentally exposed to gamma radiation during an experiment. The radiation transforms Banner into the Hulk, a green-skinned, muscular behemoth with incredible strength and durability. However, the Hulk is also a savage and uncontrollable creature, driven by rage and instinct.

The Incredible Hulk has undergone many changes over the years, both in terms of his appearance and his personality. In his early appearances, the Hulk was a mindless brute, but over time he has become more intelligent and self-aware. He has also become more heroic, often using his powers to protect the innocent and fight against evil.



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One of the most significant changes to the Hulk's character came in 1974, when writer Len Wein introduced the concept of the "savage Hulk." This version of the Hulk was more violent and uncontrollable than the previous versions, and he often clashed with Banner's human side. The savage Hulk became a popular character with readers, and he has remained a part of the Hulk's mythos ever since.

In the 1980s, writer Peter David took over the Incredible Hulk comic book and began to explore the character's psychological complexity. David's Hulk was a tragic figure, torn between his desire to be a hero and his fear of his own destructive power. David's run on the Incredible Hulk is considered one of the best in the character's history, and it helped to cement the Hulk's status as one of the most complex and enduring characters in comics.

The Incredible Hulk has had a major impact on popular culture. The character has been featured in numerous comic books, television shows, and movies. He has also been parodied and referenced in countless works of popular culture, from *The Simpsons* to *Family Guy*.

The Incredible Hulk is a powerful and iconic character who has resonated with readers and viewers for decades. He is a symbol of both the potential for good and evil within us all, and he continues to be one of the most popular superheroes in the world.

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all, and he continues to be one of the most popular superheroes in the world.

Image Alt Attributes

| Image | Alt Attribute | |---|---| | Image of the Incredible Hulk | A green-skinned, muscular man with a torn shirt and pants. | | Image of Bruce Banner | A man with brown hair and glasses, wearing a white lab coat. | | Image of the Hulk and Bruce Banner | The Hulk is standing behind Bruce Banner, with his arms crossed. | | Image of the Incredible Hulk comic book | A cover of The Incredible Hulk #1, featuring the Hulk standing over a destroyed city. | | Image of the Incredible Hulk movie | A poster for The Incredible Hulk movie, featuring Edward Norton as the Hulk. |



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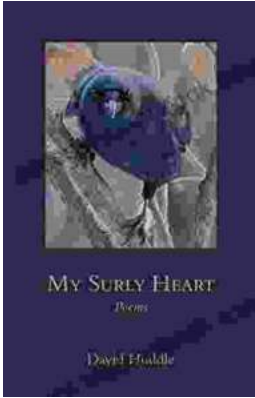
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