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If you have young people with comic books tucked under their arms in your library or older folks who still dream of drawing comics, this is the book to buy. For over 30 years, Janson has drawn such characters as Batman, Punisher, Daredevil, and Spawn for DC Comics. For the past ten years, he has been teaching at the School of Visual Arts in New York. Here, he wisely confines himself to the fundamentals of penciling faces, anatomy, clothing, and perspective. This is followed by storytelling, composition, shots and angles, and movement. The final section offers advice on getting one's work into the hands of an editor or art director. Andy Smith's Drawing Dynamic Comics covers much of the same ground, with similar professional quality. Buy either, or both, depending on budget and demand.
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Over his 30-year career, **Klaus Janson**'s artwork has brought to life such characters as Batman, Punisher, Daredevil, and Spawn. This book is the culmination of theories learned and applied while teaching at the famed School of Visual Arts for the last ten years. He lives in New York City.

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