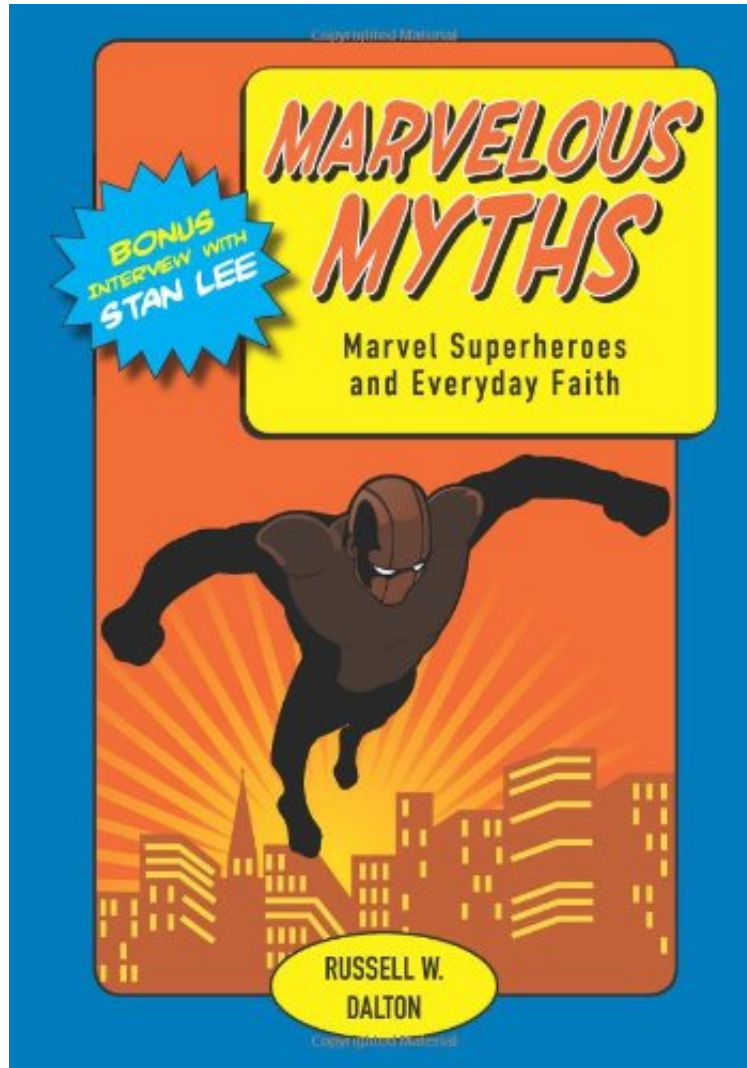


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**Russell W. Dalton : Marvelous Myths: Marvel Superheroes and Everyday Faith** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Marvelous Myths: Marvel Superheroes and Everyday Faith:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. faith and comicsBy CustomerI have been teaching a super hero themed Bible study the past two summers and this book is a great addition to the others I have utilized for the study. It is easy to read, focus' on one character per chapter and a relevant faith issue. It does a great job of tying the actual comics to the christian faith! I would highly recommend to friends who enjoy marvel comics and anyone looking for a

good series to teach both Jr. High and high school students. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. An Engrossing Study of Modern Myth-makers By Dan Peeler Thoughtfully conceived and well documented. This is a valuable book for those who know as well as those who do not know a lot about the contributions of the comic book to modern ethical thought and theological beliefs. The choice of the Marvel superheroes is an excellent one since Stan Lee and his successors have broken much ground in inviting us to question our own human struggles through the life lessons of our meta-human role models. This is fascinating and stimulating reading. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Really Cool Book By Reader1968 I thoroughly enjoyed reading *Marvelous Myths: Marvel Super Heroes and Everyday Faith*. I learned a lot about the comics and Dr. Dalton did an excellent job researching. I truly appreciated how he was able to compare the super hero to the Bible. I am a seminary student and it was awesome to see the secular world and the religious world come together. I highly recommend this book!! I saw the movie *The Avengers* and it was really cool and interesting to watch the movie knowing the characters back stories from the comics. Thanks to Dr. Dalton for creating a book which speaks to us geeks who love God as well.

What makes someone a hero? In the early 1960's, the image of a superhero was someone with a square jaw, a muscular build, and a quick smile, whose biggest personal problem was trying to keep their girlfriends from guessing their secret identities. Then writer Stan Lee and artists Jack Kirby and Steve Ditko created a group of superheroes who revolutionized comics. These heroes, including *The Fantastic Four*, *The Incredible Hulk*, *Spider-man*, *The X-men*, *Iron Man*, *Captain America* and others, were not perfect heroes living in a perfect world, but fallible people with physical ailments and personal problems like our own. While the authors and artists who created them did not intend to write explicitly religious stories, their tales of imperfect heroes who try to do the right thing despite the many challenges they face, provide us with the opportunity to reflect on our own faith journeys as we strive to live heroic lives in the real world. Each chapter reflects on the heroes' most famous adventures and discusses the ways in which we are called to overcome many of the same obstacles they face as we strive to carry out the ministries to which God calls us. Each chapter ends with questions for reflection or group study.

I couldn't agree more when Professor Dalton says that being a hero isn't just about fighting villains or gaining glory, but about the struggles all of us have to be the best person we can be. Here's hoping *Marvelous Myths* will inspire people to try to live heroic lives themselves. -----Stan Lee, co-creator of Marvel heroes such as *Spider-Man*, *Iron Man*, *The Fantastic Four*, *the Hulk*, *the X-Men*, *Thor*, and many more Loving one's enemy is a pill just as hard to swallow now as it was over two thousand years ago or anytime for that matter. Dalton advances this idea, as well as other moral and social concepts in his intelligent and thoughtfully written book *Marvelous Myths*, and he applies them in an area that few would ever dream of the modern comic book super hero. -----Herb Trimpe, long-time *Incredible Hulk* artist, Episcopal deacon, and author of *The Power of Angels: Reflections from a Ground Zero Chaplain* This engaging, accessible, and thoroughly theological book will invite you not only into the worlds of the superheroes, but into our own world and its deepest discontents, yearnings, and hopes. This book summons us all to take heroic action seriously, and to imagine all of the ways in which God invites us into creative, collaborative, missional action in the world. ---- Mary Hess, Luther Seminary, president, Religious Education Association: Association of Professors, Practitioners and Researchers in Religious Education About the Author Russell W. Dalton is the Associate Professor of Christian Education of Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas. Before coming to Brite he served as the G. Ernest Thomas Professor of Christianity and Communication at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio and Director of United's Master of Arts in Religious Communication degree program.