HUMBLE BUNDLE SUPPORTS BANNED BOOKS WEEK WITH COMICS

Latest Humble Comics Bundle benefits the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund

San Francisco, Calif. - September 23, 2015 - In preparation of Banned Books Week, Humble Bundle is offering an assortment of comics, as well as authors, that have been challenged and in some cases banned. Many notable creators are represented here, including Alan Moore, Scott Snyder, Jeff Smith, Jeff Lemire, Wendy Pini, Garth Ennis, Cory Doctorow, Jock, Kevin O'Neill, the Hernandez Brothers, Julie Doucet, and more. With the help of the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund (CBLDF), this bundle was curated to be representative of the comics that need protection under the First Amendment. Free from censorship, a wide range of titles from award-winning creators are offered in honor of the week that celebrates them.

Customers can name their price for *Maggie the Mechanic (Love & Rockets)*, *The Frank Book*, *League of Extraordinary Gentlemen Vol. 3*, *CBLDF Presents: Liberty*, *Madame Paul Affair*, and *Bone Vol. 1*.

Those who pay more than the average price will also receive **The Little Man**, **The Boys: Herogasm**, **Heartbreak Soup (Love & Rockets)**, **Barefoot Gen Vol 1: A Cartoon Story of Hiroshima**, **Essex County**, and **Elfquest: The Final Quest Vol. 1**.

Customers who pay \$15 or more will receive all of the above plus *Not Funny Haha*, *Wytches Vol. 1*, and *Information Doesn't Want To Be Free* (Audiobook).

To check out the full bundle, head to https://www.humblebundle.com/books.

Even more controversial titles to be added mid-promotion on September 30, 2015.

As with all Humble Bundles, customers can choose how their purchase dollars are allocated, between the publisher and charity. Humble Comics Bundle: Forbidden Comics Supporting Banned Books Week supports the **Comic Book Legal Defense Fund**.

"Every year, Banned Books Week reminds us that the freedom to read isn't something we can take for granted," said Charles Brownstein, Executive Director of the Comic Book Legal Defense Fund." Some of the most creative and thought provoking voices are challenged and sometimes banned. These challenges cast a stigma on valuable work, and deprive communities and individuals. We're proud to team up with Humble Bundle to celebrate Banned Books Week, and are grateful to all the publishers and authors who are offering this incredible selection of outstanding books."

"Humble Bundle Books is proud to be supporting and celebrating Banned Books Week with this special promotion, curated by our friends at the CBLDF," said Kelley Allen, Director of Books at Humble Bundle. "This bundle is a riveting collection of thought-provoking and groundbreaking works of both classic and new literature. *Vive la liberté*!"

Humble Comics Bundle: Forbidden Comics Supporting Banned Books Week runs for two weeks and ends Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 11 a.m. Pacific time.

About Humble Bundle

Humble Bundle sells digital content through its pay-what-you-want bundle promotions and the Humble Store. When purchasing a bundle, customers choose how much they want to pay and

decide where their money goes -- between the content creators, charity, and Humble Bundle. Since the company's launch in 2010, Humble Bundle has raised more than \$64 million through the support of its community for a wide range of charities, providing aid for people across the world. For more information, please visit <u>https://www.humblebundle.com</u>

About CBLDF

Comic Book Legal Defense Fund is a non-profit organization protecting the freedom to read comics! Our work protects readers, creators, librarians, retailers, publishers, and educators who face the threat of censorship. We monitor legislation and challenge laws that would limit the First Amendment. We create resources that promote understanding of comics and the rights our community is guaranteed. Every day we publish news and information about censorship events as they happen. We are partners in the Kids' Right to Read Project and Banned Books Week. Our expert legal team is available at a moment's notice to respond to First Amendment emergencies. CBLDF is a lean organization that works hard to protect the rights that our community depends on. Please support our important work! www.cbldf.org

About Banned Books Week

Banned Books Week is the national book community's annual celebration of the freedom to read. Hundreds of libraries and bookstores around the country draw attention to the problem of censorship by mounting displays of challenged books and hosting a variety of events. The 2015 celebration will be held September 27-October 3. Learn more at <u>www.bannedbooksweek.org</u>.

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