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## Guide to the Treasure Chest comic book collection, 1946-1972

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Roesch Library
<b>Title:</b>	Treasure Chest comic book collection
<b>ID:</b>	CSC-046
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1946-1972
<b>Physical Description:</b>	4.5 Linear Feet (7 boxes)
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	The Pflaum Publishing Company began the publication of the Treasure Chest of Fun and Fact, a Catholic comic book, in 1946. Most of the stories promoted themes of faith, family, and patriotism and related to sports, school, and Saints. Contributors included Frank Borth, Bob Powell, and Reed Crandall.

### Preferred Citation

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## History of the Treasure Chest Comic Books

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In 1885, the Pflaum Publishing Company was founded by George A. Pflaum Sr. The publishing house, located in Dayton, Ohio, first produced a weekly newspaper, the Young Catholic Messenger. The newspaper was distributed to students in the Catholic School System.

George A. Pflaum Jr. took over the company's operation upon his father's death. He expanded the Young Catholic Messenger series to include the Junior Catholic Messenger and Our Little Messenger, each of which addressed a different age group. It was not long before the company was known to Catholic parents across the United States and Canada for producing religious and moral reading material for all members of the family.

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to sports, school, and Saints. Contributors included Frank Borth, Bob Powell, and Reed Crandall. Publication of the Treasure Chest continued until 1972.

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## Scope and Contents

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The Treasure Chest comic book collection includes a nearly complete run of the Treasure Chest series, from 1946 to 1972. The collection includes multiple copies of some issues.

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## Arrangement

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The Treasure Chest comic book collection is arranged chronologically, according to the publication date of each issue.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Comic books, strips, etc. -- Illustrations
- Comic books and children
- Christian art and symbolism

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## Collection Inventory

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Title/Description	Instances
Treasure Chest comic books, Volume 1, no. 1 - Volume 5, no. 2, 1946-03-12-1950-01-24 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1946-03-12-1950-01-24	box 1
Treasure Chest comic books, Volume 5, no. 12 - Volume 8, no. 13, 1950-02-07-1953-02-26 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1950-02-07-1953-02-26	box 2
Treasure Chest comic books, Volume 8, no. 14 - Volume 12, no. 17, 1953-03-12-1957-04-25 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1953-03-12-1957-04-25	box 3
Treasure Chest comic books, Volume 12, no. 18 - Volume 17, no. 2, 1957-05-09-1961-09-28 <u>Date [inclusive]:</u> 1957-05-09-1961-09-28	box 4
Treasure Chest comic books, Volume 17, no. 3 - Volume 21, no. 2, 1961-10-12-1966-02-10	box 5

Date [inclusive]: 1961-10-12-1966-02-10

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Treasure Chest comic books, Volume 21, no. 3 - Volume 25, no. 3,      box 6  
1966-02-24-1969-10-09

Date [inclusive]: 1966-02-24-1969-10-09

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Treasure Chest comic books, Volume 25, no. 4 - Volume 27, no. 8,      box 7  
1969-10-23-1972

Date [inclusive]: 1969-10-23-1972