

8-2017

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

Follow this and additional works at: http://ecommons.udayton.edu/finding_aid

eCommons Citation

"Guide to the Treasure Chest comic book collection, 1946-1972" (2017). *Guides to Archival and Special Collections*. 107.
http://ecommons.udayton.edu/finding_aid/107

This Finding Aid is brought to you for free and open access by the University Libraries at eCommons. It has been accepted for inclusion in Guides to Archival and Special Collections by an authorized administrator of eCommons. For more information, please contact frice1@udayton.edu, mschlange1@udayton.edu.



ArchivesSpace

Collection Guide for the Treasure Chest comic book collection, 1946-1972, CSC-046

This finding aid was produced using ArchivesSpace on August 24, 2017.

English

Describing Archives: A Content Standard

Roesch Library

300 College Park Dr.

Dayton, Ohio 45469-1360

URL: <https://www.udayton.edu/libraries/research/collections.php>

Table of Contents

Summary Information	3
History of the Treasure Chest Comic Books	3
Scope and Contents	4
Arrangement	4
Administrative Information	4
Controlled Access Headings	5
Collection Inventory	5

Summary Information

Repository:	Roesch Library
Title:	Treasure Chest comic book collection
ID:	CSC-046
Date [inclusive]:	1946-1972
Physical Description:	4.5 Linear Feet (7 boxes)
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	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

[Item title,] Treasure Chest comic book collection, 1946-1972. U.S. Catholic Special Collection, University of Dayton Libraries, Dayton, Ohio.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

History of the Treasure Chest Comic Books

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.

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. Publication of the Treasure Chest continued until 1972.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Scope and Contents

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.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Arrangement

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

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Administrative Information

Publication Statement

Roesch Library

300 College Park Dr.

Dayton, Ohio 45469-1360

URL: <https://www.udayton.edu/libraries/research/collections.php>

Immediate Source of Acquisition

The collection was donated to the U.S. Catholic Special Collection in 2014 by Harry Miller.

Access to Materials

This collection is open and available to the public for research in the U.S. Catholic Collection reading room. The materials are non-circulating.

Copyright Notice

The materials in this collection may be protected by copyright law (Title 17, U.S. Code). The materials are available for personal, educational, and scholarly use. It is the responsibility of the researcher to locate and obtain permission from the copyright owner or his or her heirs for any other use, such as reproduction and publication.

[^ Return to Table of Contents](#)

Controlled Access Headings

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

Collection Inventory

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

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

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

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