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COLLECTOR'S EDITION featuring
THE BEST OF ARCHIE
STARRING BETTY & VERONICA!

You are holding a **MUST-HAVE** issue of ***Betty & Veronica Jumbo Comics Digest!*** This **JUMBO** issue is chock-full of the **BEST** stories ever told! All from the pages of the best-selling series ***THE BEST OF ARCHIE COMICS!*** This collection also includes story introductions by **CELEBRITY** fans, top **WRITERS**, awesome **ARTISTS** and other insights into some of the **HILARIOUS** and most **POPULAR** tales from Archie Comics' 75-year history!

In this **SPECTACULAR** collection, you'll experience **FAVORITE**, laugh-out-loud moments that make **Betty and Veronica, plus Sabrina the Teenage Witch, Katy Keene, Josie and the Pussycats and more ICONS!** Get ready for your **BEST** and most **JUMBO** laugh, ever!



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Ginger Adds Spice
Betty & Veronica Spectacular #50, 2001

by Dan Parent

&

Lonely Luxury

Betty and Veronica #150, June 1968

**by Frank Doyle, Dan DeCarlo,
Rudy Lapick and Bill Yoshida**

As a little girl growing up in Reno, Nevada, I loved to keep up with the comic book exploits of Archie Andrews and his two favorite girls, Betty & Veronica. For me, Betty Cooper was more than just the product of an artist's imagination, she was the quintessential girl-next-door, a model I aspired to. Little did I know that I'd have the opportunity to portray another iconic girl-next-door, Mary Ann Summers.

Mary Ann acted as one of the rudders of the ship on *Gilligan's Island*. She was an enthusiastic leader, effective at getting everyone to do his or her part. In the same way, Betty Cooper is a stabilizing influence in Archie and the gang's lives. It is a Midwestern, small-town ethic that Mary Ann, Betty and myself share—a patriotic, never-give-up approach to life.



Dawn Wells

Mary Ann on Gilligan's Island,
excerpted from her foreword to
Betty & Veronica Summer Fun

Betty and Veronica

"Ginger Spice" A DUO

PART ONE



DON'T YOU JUST LOVE NICE DAYS LIKE THIS?

THERE SEEMS TO BE A **CALM** IN THE AIR! WHY DOES IT SEEM SO PEACEFUL TODAY?



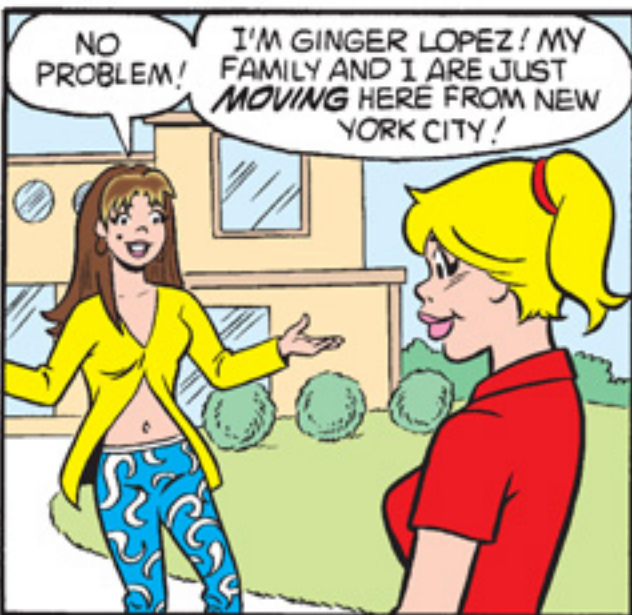
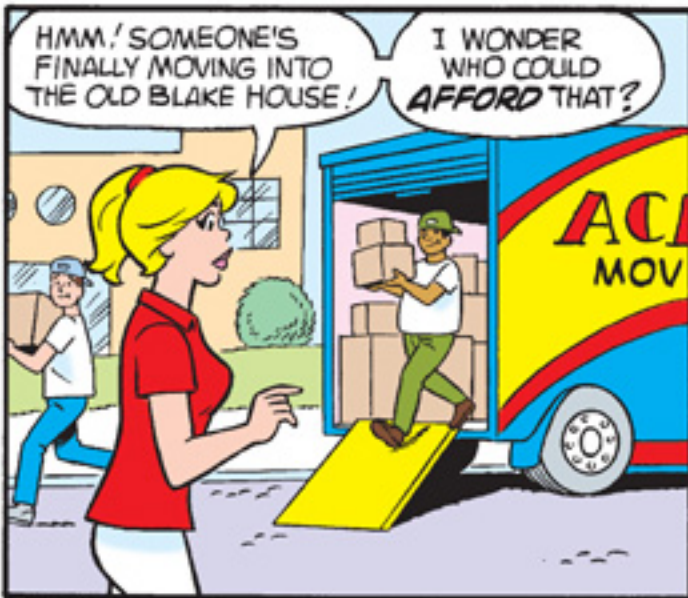
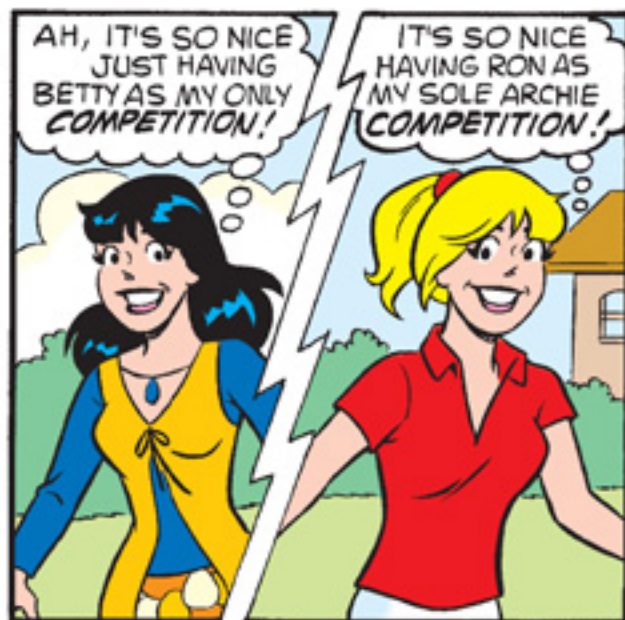
A CERTAIN RED-HEADED STORM HAS MOVED OUT TO SEA!

OH, THAT'S RIGHT! CHERYL'S GONE!



LET'S ENJOY THIS WHILE WE CAN!

I HAVE TO GO RUN SOME ERRANDS! I'LL SEE YOU LATER!

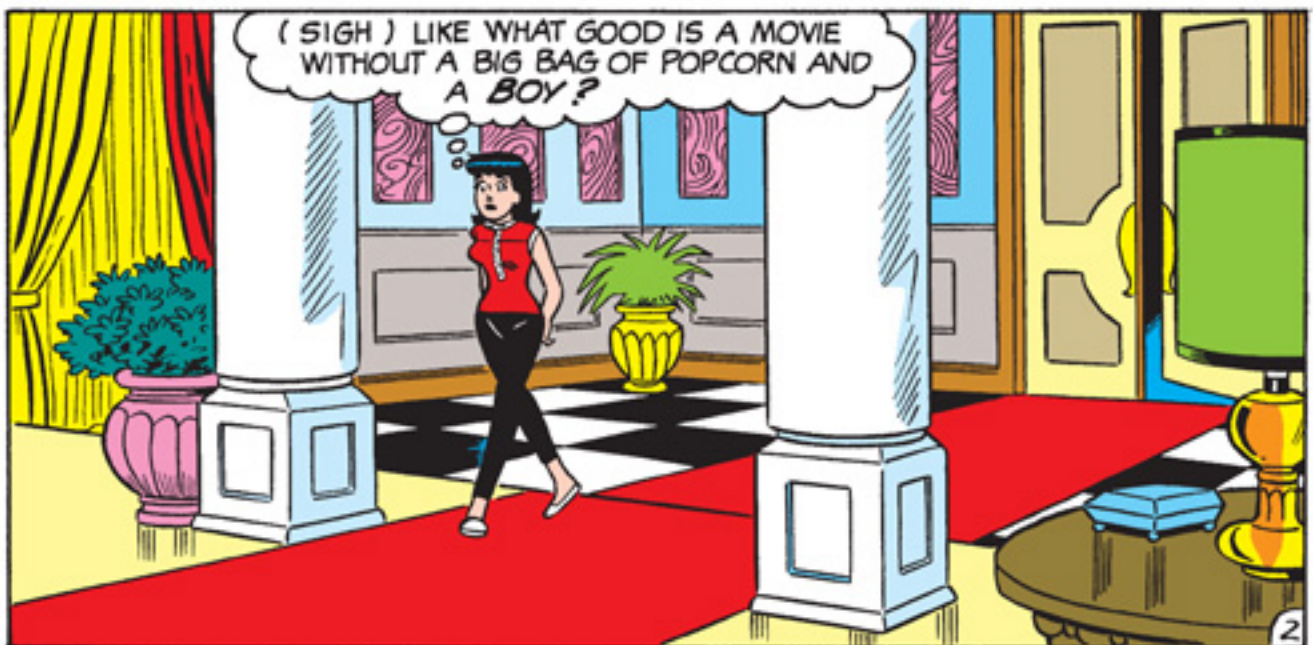
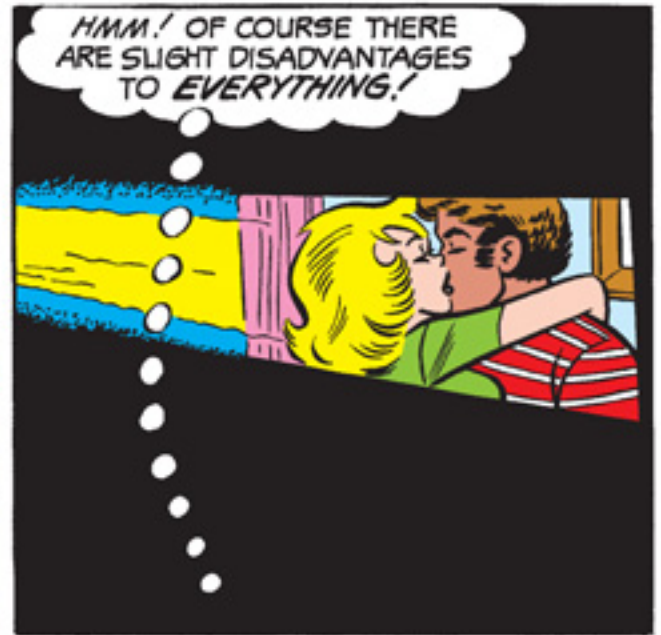
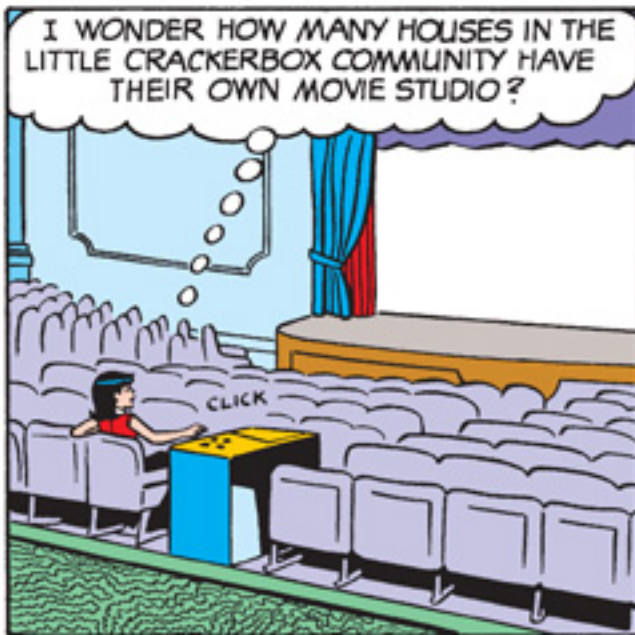


Veronica

in

"LONELY LUXURY"





Flash Dance Contest
***Betty & Me* #137, 1984**

**by George Gladir, Dan DeCarlo, Jim DeCarlo,
Bill Yoshida and Barry Grossman**

&

Model Mania!

***Betty & Veronica* #14, 1988**

**by George Gladir, Dan DeCarlo,
Rudy Lapick and Rod Ollerenshaw**

The thing I love best about Betty and Veronica is that they're best friends despite being polar opposites. Their constant rivalry adds a good dose of tension and humor to every story, but I always loved knowing that, despite their competitiveness, they were still fast friends at the end of the day. Growing up, they also reminded me of my own best friend and myself. I was definitely more like Betty: a goody two shoes. My best friend was more like Veronica: bolder and more outspoken. I used to envy that quality and wanted to be more like her (and Veronica). But, since then, I've learned that both Betty and Veronica have traits that can go too far in either direction: Betty can be a bit too naïve, and Veronica can be a bit too overbearing. The ideal balance is a mix between the two girls' personalities, which explains why their friendship works—and why I'm still best friends with my own Veronica after all these years!



Tania del Rio

Writer/Artist, Archie Comics

RIVERDALE HIGH SCHOOL FLASH DANCE CONTEST

GO, BETTY,
GO!!!



IT IS OUR UNANIMOUS OPINION
THAT BETTY COOPER IS THE WINNER
OF OUR SCHOOL FLASH DANCE CONTEST!



JUDGES STAND



Betty and Veronica

in

MODEL MANIA!

