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Australian Prodigy Follows in Spawn Creator's Footsteps

Sydney, Australia—Australian author Frank Dirscherl signs two-book deal with Canadian publishing firm for his underground comic book creation, *The Wraith*.

Last year Australian comic book writer and creator Frank Dirscherl self-published a novel based on his comic book creation, *The Wraith*. Little did he realize that it would quickly lead to a two-book deal with Canadian press Coscom Entertainment.

The Wraith, a tale told in the old classic pulp style of 60's adventure books and comics or similar to Will Eisner's *The Spirit*, follows the story of cop Michael Reeve who, through a bizarre encounter with the mysterious Wraith, ends up adopting the crime fighter's identity as well as that of the Wraith's alter-ego, billionaire Paul Sanderson.

"After reading *The Wraith* and taking the time to get to know the character and its creator better, I couldn't help but think of Todd McFarlane and how he had taken his own creation, *Spawn*, to becoming a household name," says Coscom Entertainment Publisher A.P. Fuchs. "But with Frank's character, it's much more wholesome and really does take you back to the classic pulp stories of the 60's. The Wraith is more than just a superhero. He's someone whom we could all identify with especially when we're at those points in our lives where we're really searching for what we're meant to do and, sometimes, are having a hard time remembering where we came from. We get stuck on that moment that made us what we are and we can't always put our finger on it. The Wraith reminds us that that's okay and how to turn that situation into a force for good."

"I've been dreaming of presenting *The Wraith* to the world in comics for years," Frank adds. "I achieved that last year with publication of the first issue in our comic book series, *The Wraith #0*. Now I really want to make an impact with this series of novels, and I can't thank A.P. enough for helping me to achieve my creative goals."

The Wraith is set to be published in hardcover from Coscom Entertainment on August 2, 2005, just shortly before the film's release. Between the book, the movie and the comics already released, *The Wraith* may be the Batman of this generation and, hopefully, will have the same impact.

For more on *The Wraith*, please visit www.the-wraith.com. For more on the publisher, Coscom Entertainment, please visit www.coscomentertainment.com

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