[Template:Distinguish2](/wiki/Template:Distinguish2" \o "Template:Distinguish2) [Template:Infobox comics character](/wiki/Template:Infobox_comics_character) **Thanos** is a fictional [supervillain](/wiki/Supervillain) appearing in [American comic books](/wiki/American_comic_book) published by [Marvel Comics](/wiki/Marvel_Comics). The character first appeared in [*Iron Man*](/wiki/Iron_Man) #55 (Feb. 1973) and was created by writer-artist [Jim Starlin](/wiki/Jim_Starlin). Debuting in the [Bronze Age of Comic Books](/wiki/Bronze_Age_of_Comic_Books), the character has been featured in over four decades of Marvel continuity and a self-titled series.

Thanos appears in the [Marvel Cinematic Universe's](/wiki/Marvel_Cinematic_Universe) various films; a cameo during the mid-credits of [*The Avengers*](/wiki/The_Avengers_(2012_film)) (2012), [Josh Brolin](/wiki/Josh_Brolin) portrays the character in [*Guardians of the Galaxy*](/wiki/Guardians_of_the_Galaxy_(film)) (2014) and [*Avengers: Age of Ultron*](/wiki/Avengers:_Age_of_Ultron) (2015) and will reprise the role in both parts of [*Avengers: Infinity War*](/wiki/Production_of_Avengers:_Infinity_War) (2018/2019). The character has appeared in other Marvel-endorsed products, including [animated](/wiki/Animation) television series, [arcade](/wiki/Arcade_game) and video games.

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## Origin[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=1)]

Writer-artist [Jim Starlin](/wiki/Jim_Starlin) originally conceived of Thanos of Titan during college [psychology](/wiki/Psychology) classes. As Starlin described:

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Starlin has admitted the character is influenced by [Jack Kirby's](/wiki/Jack_Kirby) [Darkseid](/wiki/Darkseid):

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## Publication history[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=2)]

Thanos's first appearance was in *Iron Man* #55 (Feb. 1973), featuring a story by Jim Starlin that was scripted by Mike Friedrich. The storyline from that issue continued through [*Captain Marvel*](/wiki/Captain_Marvel_(Mar-Vell)) #25–33 (bi-monthly: March 1973 – Jan. 1974), [*Marvel Feature*](/wiki/Marvel_Feature) #12 (Nov. 1973), [*Daredevil*](/wiki/Daredevil_(Marvel_Comics)) #107 (Jan. 1974), and [*Avengers*](/wiki/The_Avengers_(comic)) #125 (July 1974). He returned in an extended storyline that spanned *Strange Tales* #178-181 (Feb.–Aug. 1975), *Warlock* #9-11 (Oct. 1975 – Jan. 1976), [*Marvel Team Up*](/wiki/Marvel_Team_Up) #55 (March 1977), and the 1977 Annuals for *Avengers* and [*Marvel Two-in-One*](/wiki/Marvel_Two-in-One) (Thanos does not actually appear until the end of *Warlock* #9). He was also featured in a short backup story in [*Logan's Run*](/wiki/Logan's_Run_(comics)) #6 (June 1977) and had a small role in the *Death of Captain Marvel* graphic novel (April 1982).

The character was revived in [*Silver Surfer*](/wiki/Silver_Surfer) vol. 3 #34 (Feb. 1990) and guest-starred until issue #50 (June 1991), while simultaneously appearing in [*The Thanos Quest*](/wiki/The_Thanos_Quest) #1–2 (Sept.–Oct. 1990) and [*Infinity Gauntlet*](/wiki/Infinity_Gauntlet) #1-6 (July–Dec. 1991). After an appearance in [*Spider-Man*](/wiki/Spider-Man) #17 (Dec. 1991), Thanos had a recurring role in [*Warlock and the Infinity Watch*](/wiki/Warlock_and_the_Infinity_Watch) #1-42 (Feb. 1992 – Aug. 1995). This was followed by crossover appearances in [*Infinity War*](/wiki/Infinity_War) #1-6 (June – Nov. 1992), [*Infinity Crusade*](/wiki/Infinity_Crusade) #1–6 (June – Nov. 1993), *Silver Surfer* vol. 3 #86-88 (Nov. 1993 – Jan. 1994), *Warlock Chronicles* #6-8, [*Thor*](/wiki/Thor_(Marvel_Comics)) #468–471 (Nov. 1993 – Feb. 1994), *Namor The Sub-Mariner* #44 (Nov. 1993), [*Secret Defenders*](/wiki/Secret_Defenders) #11-14 (Jan.–April 1994), *Cosmic Powers* #1–6 (March–July 1994), and *Cosmic Powers Unlimited* #1 (May 1995).

Thanos appeared in a connected storyline in [*Ka-Zar*](/wiki/Ka-Zar_(comics)) vol. 2 #4–11 (Aug. 1997 – March 1998), *Ka-Zar Annual* (1997), and the [*X-Man*](/wiki/X-Man) *and* [*Hulk*](/wiki/Hulk_(comics)) *Annual* (1998), before featuring in *Thor* vol. 2 #21–25 (March–July 2000) and the 2000 Annual. The character was next used in *Captain Marvel* vol. 4 #17–19 (June–Aug. 2001), *Avengers: Celestial Quest* #1-8 (Nov. 2001 – June 2002), and the [*Infinity Abyss*](/wiki/Infinity_Abyss) #1-6 (Aug.–Oct. 2002).

In 2004 Thanos received an eponymous title that ran for 12 issues. In 2006, the character played an important role in [*Annihilation*](/wiki/Annihilation_(comics))*: Silver Surfer* #1-4 (June – Sept. 2006) and *Annihilation* #1-6 (Oct. 2006 – March 2007). The character was re-introduced in [*Guardians of the Galaxy*](/wiki/Guardians_of_the_Galaxy_(2008_team)) vol. 2 #24-25 (April–May 2010) and played a major role in [*The Thanos Imperative*](/wiki/The_Thanos_Imperative)*: Ignition* (June 2010) and *The Thanos Imperative* #1-6 (July–Dec. 2010).

The character returned in *Avengers Assemble* #1 (March 2012).[[1]](#cite_note-1) A mini-series titled *Thanos: Son of Titan* by [Joe Keatinge](/wiki/Joe_Keatinge) was planned for publication in August 2012, but was cancelled.[[2]](#cite_note-2) The character's origin was expanded in the five-issue [*Thanos Rising*](/wiki/Thanos_Rising) miniseries by [Jason Aaron](/wiki/Jason_Aaron) and [Simone Bianchi](/wiki/Simone_Bianchi_(artist)) which was published monthly beginning in April 2013.[[3]](#cite_note-3) Later that same year, Thanos played a central role in the [*Infinity*](/wiki/Infinity_(comic_book)) miniseries written by [Jonathan Hickman](/wiki/Jonathan_Hickman) and drawn by [Jim Cheung](/wiki/Jim_Cheung), [Jerome Opeña](/wiki/Jerome_Opeña), and [Dustin Weaver](/wiki/Dustin_Weaver).

In May 2014, Jim Starlin and Ron Lim worked together on the one-shot *Thanos Annual*, which is a prelude to a new trilogy of original graphic novels. The first, *Thanos: The Infinity Revelation*, was released the following August.[[4]](#cite_note-4)[[5]](#cite_note-5) Beginning in February 2015, Starlin also penned a four-issue miniseries titled *Thanos vs. Hulk*, which was set prior to the graphic novels. The second installment in the trilogy, *Thanos: The Infinity Relativity*, was released in June, 2015.[[6]](#cite_note-6) The third graphic novel, *Thanos: The Infinity Finale*, as well as the connected mini-series *The Infinity Entity* are announced for Spring 2016.[[7]](#cite_note-7) At the same time Starlin was writing these graphic novels and tie-ins, the character also appeared in [*New Avengers*](/wiki/The_New_Avengers_(comics)) #23-24 (Oct-Nov 2014),[[8]](#cite_note-8) *Guardians of the Galaxy* vol. 3 #18-20 (Oct-Dec 2014), *Legendary Star-Lord* #4 (Dec 2014), a six-issue miniseries titled *Thanos: A God Up There Listening* (Dec 2014), *Avengers* vol. 5 #40-41 (Mar-Apr 2015), and *Deadpool* vol. 3 #45 ("#250") (Jun 2015). Thanos also played a major role in the five-issue miniseries [*The Infinity Gauntlet*](/wiki/The_Infinity_Gauntlet) vol. 2 (Jul 2015 - Jan 2016), a tie-in of the cross-over [*Secret Wars*](/wiki/Secret_Wars_(2015_comic_book)) (2015).

## Fictional character biography[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=3)]

Thanos was born on [Saturn's](/wiki/Saturn) moon [Titan](/wiki/Titan_(Marvel_Comics)), and is the child of [Eternals](/wiki/Eternals_(comics)) [Mentor](/wiki/Mentor_(A'lars)) and [Sui-San](/wiki/Sui-San). Thanos carries the [Deviants](/wiki/Deviant_(comics)) gene, and as such shares the physical appearance of the Eternals' cousin race. At birth, his mother attempted to kill him. During his school years, Thanos was a [pacifist](/wiki/Pacifist)[[9]](#cite_note-9) and would only play with his brother [Eros](/wiki/Starfox_(comics)) (Starfox) and pets. By adolescence, Thanos had become fascinated with [nihilism](/wiki/Nihilism) and death, worshiping and eventually falling in love with the physical embodiment of death, [Mistress Death](/wiki/Death_(Marvel_Comics)).[[10]](#cite_note-10) As an adult, Thanos attempts to create a new life for himself by starting a family. He is visited again by Mistress Death, for whom he murders his family.[[11]](#cite_note-11)

### Cosmic Cube and Infinity Gems[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=4)]

Wishing to impress Mistress Death, Thanos gathers an army of villainous aliens and begins a nuclear bombardment of Titan that kills millions of his race.[[12]](#cite_note-12) Seeking universal power in the form of the [Cosmic Cube](/wiki/Cosmic_Cube), Thanos travels to Earth. Prior to landing, his vessel destroys a nearby car as a family witnesses his arrival.[[13]](#cite_note-13) Unbeknownst to Thanos, two of the family members in the vehicle survive: the father's spirit is preserved by the Titanian cosmic entity [Kronos](/wiki/Kronos_(comics)) and is given a new form as Drax the Destroyer while the daughter is found by Thanos' father, Mentor, and is raised to become the heroine [Moondragon](/wiki/Moondragon). Thanos eventually locates the Cube, and also attracts the attention of Mistress Death. Willing the Cube to make him omnipotent, Thanos then discards the Cube. He imprisons Kronos and taunts [Kree](/wiki/Kree) hero Captain Marvel, who with the aid of superhero team the Avengers and [ISAAC](/wiki/ISAAC_(comics)) (a super-computer based on Titan), is eventually able to defeat Thanos by destroying the Cube.[[14]](#cite_note-14) Thanos later comes to the aid of [Adam Warlock](/wiki/Adam_Warlock) in a war against the [Magus](/wiki/Magus_(comics)) and his religious empire.[[15]](#cite_note-15)[[16]](#cite_note-16) During this alliance Thanos cultivates a plan to reunite with Mistress Death, and secretly siphons off the energies of Warlock's Soul Gem, and combines these with the power of the other Infinity Gems to create a weapon capable of destroying a star. Warlock summons the Avengers and Captain Marvel to stop Thanos, although the plan is foiled when Thanos kills Warlock. The Titan regroups and captures the heroes, who are freed by Spider-Man and the [Thing](/wiki/Thing_(comics)). Thanos is finally stopped by Warlock, whose spirit emerges from the Soul Gem and turns the Titan to stone.[[12]](#cite_note-12)[[17]](#cite_note-17) Thanos's spirit eventually reappears to accompany a dying Captain Marvel's soul into the realm of Death.[[18]](#cite_note-18)

### The Infinity Saga[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=5)]

Thanos is eventually resurrected,[[19]](#cite_note-19) and collects the Infinity Gems once again.[[20]](#cite_note-20) He uses the gems to create the Infinity Gauntlet, making himself omnipotent, and erases half the living things in the universe to prove his love to Death.[[21]](#cite_note-21) This act and several other acts are soon undone by Adam Warlock.[[22]](#cite_note-22) Warlock reveals that Thanos has always allowed himself to be defeated because the Titan secretly knows he is not worthy of ultimate power. Thanos joins Warlock as part of the [Infinity Watch](/wiki/Infinity_Watch) and helps him to defeat first his [evil](/wiki/Magus_(comics))[[23]](#cite_note-23) and then [good](/wiki/Goddess_(comics))[[24]](#cite_note-24) personas, and cure [Thor](/wiki/Thor_(Marvel_Comics)) of "warrior Madness".[[25]](#cite_note-25)

### Other adventures[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=6)]

Thanos later recruits a team of Earth-bound super-villains and puts them under the field leadership of [Geatar](/wiki/Geatar) in a mission to extract a robot containing the knowledge of a universal library.[[26]](#cite_note-26) Thanos uses information from the robot to battle [Tyrant](/wiki/Tyrant_(Marvel_Comics)), a failed creation of Galactus.[[27]](#cite_note-27) When trapped in an alternate dimension, Thanos employs the aid of the brother of [Ka-Zar](/wiki/Ka-Zar_(comics)), [Parnival Plunder](/wiki/Plunderer)[[28]](#cite_note-28) and later the [Hulk](/wiki/Hulk_(comics))[[29]](#cite_note-29) to escape, although both attempts are unsuccessful. Thanos is eventually freed and comes into conflict with Thor, aligning himself with [Mangog](/wiki/Mangog) in a scheme to obtain powerful talismans which will allow him to destroy all life in the universe,[[30]](#cite_note-30) and during their battles Thanos decimates the planet [Rigel-3](/wiki/Rigellians_(comics)).[[31]](#cite_note-31) Thanos then uses the heroes Thor and [Genis-Vell](/wiki/Genis-Vell) (Captain Marvel's son) against the death god Walker, who attempts to woo Mistress Death and then destroy the entity after being rejected.[[32]](#cite_note-32) Thanos then devises a plan to become the All-Father of a new race of gods created by himself. Thanos, however, finds himself opposed by the Avengers' former member [Mantis](/wiki/Mantis_(Marvel_Comics)) and her son Quoi, apparently destined to be the Celestial Messiah. Thanos abandons this plan after having to unite with Mistress Death to destroy the "Rot", an aberration in deep space caused by Thanos's love for Death.[[33]](#cite_note-33) Thanos also once conducted extensive research on genetics, and after studying many of the universe's heroes and villains [cloned](/wiki/Cloning) them and gene-spliced his own [DNA](/wiki/DNA) into the subjects. Although he later abandons the project, five clones survive, being versions of [Professor X](/wiki/Professor_X), Iron Man, [Gladiator](/wiki/Gladiator_(Kallark)), [Doctor Strange](/wiki/Doctor_Strange), and Galactus respectively. A sixth and unnamed version of Thanos also appears, and it is revealed the incarnations of Thanos encountered by Thor and Ka-Zar were his clones. The true Thanos – with the aid of Adam Warlock, Gamora, Pip the Troll, Spider-Man, Captain Marvel, and Dr. Strange – destroys the remaining clones.[[34]](#cite_note-34) When an ancient Egyptian [pharaoh](/wiki/Pharaoh) called Akhenaten uses a [source of cosmic power](/wiki/Heart_of_the_Universe) to seize power in present-day Earth (killing most of Earth's heroes in the process), Thanos uses a time-travel stratagem to defeat him. Thanos then uses the artifact to reverse Akhenaten's actions and also correct a flaw in the universe. Changed by the experience, Thanos advises confidant Adam Warlock he will no longer seek universal conquest.[[35]](#cite_note-35) However, Marvel's Executive Editor [Tom Brevoort](/wiki/Tom_Brevoort) has stated on his [Tumblr](/wiki/Tumblr) blog that this story is not in any way a part of official Marvel continuity.[[36]](#cite_note-36)[[37]](#cite_note-37) Thanos decides to atone for the destruction of Rigel-3, and agrees to aid a colony of Rigellians in evacuating their planet before Galactus can consume it. During the course of this mission Thanos learns Galactus is collecting the Infinity Gems in an effort to end his universal hunger. Thanos later learns Galactus is being manipulated into releasing a cosmic threat known as Hunger, which feeds on entire universes. Despite opposition from Thanos, Galactus frees the entity, although when the entity's intentions are revealed the pair team to destroy it.[[38]](#cite_note-38) En route to the [Kyln](/wiki/Kyln), an intergalactic prison, Thanos meets Death, who for the first time speaks to the Titan. Death claims it is worth wooing, but that he must offer something other than death. At the Kyln Thanos encounters [Star-Lord](/wiki/Star-Lord) and the [Shi'ar](/wiki/Shi'ar) warrior [Gladiator](/wiki/Gladiator_(Kallark)), who are both prisoners, and the [Beyonder](/wiki/Beyonder), who has been rendered amnesiac by its choice to assume a mortal female form. Thanos battles the Beyonder and causes its mind to shut down, leaving its power trapped within a comatose mortal body. Thanos then instructs the Kyln officers to keep the Beyonder on life support indefinitely in order to prevent the entity from being reborn.[[39]](#cite_note-39) Thanos departs the Kyln in the company of Skreet, a chaos-mite freed from the prison. Thanos then meets the Fallen, a former [Herald of Galactus](/wiki/Herald_of_Galactus). Thanos defeats the former Herald and places him under complete mental control.[[40]](#cite_note-40) He later appears in [Wisconsin](/wiki/Wisconsin) attempting to charge a weapon called the Pyramatrix with the life force of everyone on Earth until he is defeated by [Squirrel Girl](/wiki/Squirrel_Girl). After the battle, [Uatu](/wiki/Uatu) the Watcher appears and confirms to Squirrel Girl that she defeated the real Thanos, not a clone or copy.[[41]](#cite_note-41)

### Annihilation[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=7)]

[Template:Main](/wiki/Template:Main) During the [Annihilation War](/wiki/Annihilation_(comics)) Thanos allies himself with the genocidal villain [Annihilus](/wiki/Annihilus). When the Annihilation Wave destroys the Kyln, Thanos sends the Fallen to check on the status of the Beyonder, whose mortal form he finds has perished. Before the Fallen can report back to Thanos it encounters [Tenebrous](/wiki/Tenebrous_(Marvel_Comics)) and [Aegis](/wiki/Aegis_(Lady_of_All_Sorrows)): two of [Galactus's](/wiki/Galactus) ancient foes. Thanos convinces Tenebrous and Aegis to join the Annihilation Wave in order to get revenge on Galactus, and they subsequently defeat the World Devourer and the Silver Surfer. Annihilus desires the secret of the Power Cosmic and asks Thanos to study Galactus. Once Thanos learns Annihilus's true goal is to use the [Power Cosmic](/wiki/Power_Cosmic) to destroy all life and remain the sole survivor, he decides to free Galactus. Drax the Destroyer kills Thanos before he can do so but discovers that Thanos had placed a failsafe device to allow Silver Surfer to free Galactus in the event that Annihilus betrayed him.[[42]](#cite_note-42) During a climactic battle with Annihilus, [Nova](/wiki/Nova_(Richard_Rider)) is near death and sees Thanos standing with Mistress Death.[[43]](#cite_note-43)

### The Thanos Imperative[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=8)]

[Template:Main](/wiki/Template:Main) A cocoon protected by the [Universal Church of Truth](/wiki/Universal_Church_of_Truth) is revealed to be hiding Thanos, who has been chosen by [Oblivion](/wiki/Oblivion_(comics)) to be the new Avatar of Death.[[44]](#cite_note-44) Resurrected before his mind could be fully formed, Thanos goes on a mindless rampage before being captured by the Guardians of the Galaxy.[[45]](#cite_note-45) Thanos pretends to aid the Guardians against the [invading Cancerverse](/wiki/The_Thanos_Imperative), and after discovering its origin kills an alternate version of Mar-Vell, the self-proclaimed Avatar of Life. This causes the collapse of the Cancerverse, and [Nova](/wiki/Nova_(Richard_Rider)) sacrifices himself in an attempt to contain Thanos inside the imploding reality.[[46]](#cite_note-46) Thanos escapes[[47]](#cite_note-47) and returns to Earth seeking an artificial cosmic cube. He forms an incarnation of the criminal group [Zodiac](/wiki/Zodiac_(comics)) to retrieve it, but he is defeated by the Avengers and the Guardians of the Galaxy and remanded to the custody of the [Elders of the Universe](/wiki/Elders_of_the_Universe).[[48]](#cite_note-48)

### Infinity and the Cabal[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=9)]

[Template:Main](/wiki/Template:Main) Thanos soon invades Earth again after being informed that most of the Avengers have temporarily left the planet.[[49]](#cite_note-49) He launches an assault on [Attilan](/wiki/Attilan), which he offers to spare in exchange for the deaths of all [Inhumans](/wiki/Inhumans) between the ages of 16 and 22. [Black Bolt](/wiki/Black_Bolt) later informs the [Illuminati](/wiki/Illuminati_(comics)) that the true purpose of the invasion is to find and kill Thane, an Eternal/Inhuman hybrid that Thanos had secretly fathered years earlier.[[50]](#cite_note-50) Thanos is trapped in a pocket limbo of stasis by his son.[[51]](#cite_note-51) Thanos is freed by [Namor](/wiki/Namor) and was among the villains that joined his [Cabal](/wiki/Cabal_(comics)) to destroy other worlds.[[52]](#cite_note-52) Thanos later meets his end on [Battleworld](/wiki/Battleworld), where he is easily killed by [God Emperor Doom](/wiki/Doctor_Doom) during an attempted insurrection.[[53]](#cite_note-53)

### Civil War II[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=10)]

Thanos' destruction on Battleworld results in his essence being locked outside of the new [Multiverse](/wiki/Multiverse_(Marvel_Comics)) created by [Mister Fantastic](/wiki/Mister_Fantastic), trapped in a state between life and death. He manages to regain his corporeal form and return to the known universe after following a hole made by Galactus.[[54]](#cite_note-54) When Thanos prepares to raid a Project Pegasus facility to steal a Cosmic Cube, he is ambushed and defeated by a team of Avengers, but not before mortally wounding [War Machine](/wiki/War_Machine), and critically injuring [She-Hulk](/wiki/She-Hulk).[[55]](#cite_note-55)

## Powers and abilities[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=11)]

Thanos is a mutant member of the race of superhumans known as the [Titanian](/wiki/Titan_(Marvel_Comics)) Eternals. The character possesses abilities common to the Eternals, but amplified to a higher degree through a combination of his mutant Eternal heritage, bionic amplification, mysticism, and power bestowed by the abstract entity, Death. Demonstrating enormous superhuman strength, stamina, and durability, Thanos can absorb and project vast quantities of cosmic energy and is capable of [telekinesis](/wiki/Telekinesis), [telepathy](/wiki/Telepathy) and matter manipulation. Thanos is an accomplished hand-to-hand combatant, having been trained in the art of war on Titan.

Thanos is a genius in virtually all known fields of advanced science and has created technology far exceeding contemporary Earth science. He often employs a transportation chair capable of space flight, [force field](/wiki/Force_shield) projection, [teleportation](/wiki/Teleportation), [time travel](/wiki/Time_travel) and movement through [alternate universes](/wiki/Parallel_universe_(fiction)). Thanos is also a master strategist and uses several space vessels, at least 3 under the name of *Sanctuary*, as a base of operations.

## Other versions[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=12)]

### Amalgam Comics[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=13)]

During the 1996 [Amalgam Comics](/wiki/Amalgam_Comics) crossover between [DC Comics](/wiki/DC_Comics) and Marvel, Thanos merged with [Darkseid](/wiki/Darkseid) to become "Thanoseid".[[56]](#cite_note-56)

### Earth X[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=14)]

In the [alternate universe](/wiki/Parallel_universe_(fiction)) limited series [*Earth X*](/wiki/Earth_X), Thanos dwelled in the Realm of the Dead with the entity Death.[[57]](#cite_note-57) It is revealed his mother was a Skrull and Death used her secret to make him believe that Death was his mother. When the deception is revealed, he uses the Ultimate Nullifier on Death.[[58]](#cite_note-58)

### Ultimate Marvel[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=15)]

The [Ultimate Marvel](/wiki/Ultimate_Marvel) [imprint](/wiki/Imprint_(trade_name)) title [*Ultimate Fantastic Four*](/wiki/Ultimate_Fantastic_Four) features an alternate universe version of Thanos who is the ruler of Acheron (and has a son called [Ronan the Accuser](/wiki/Ronan_the_Accuser), who is in possession of a [Cosmic Cube](/wiki/Cosmic_Cube)[[59]](#cite_note-59)), a vast empire consisting of thousands of worlds that exist in another plane of existence.[[60]](#cite_note-60)

### Marvel Zombies[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=16)]

Thanos features in the limited series [*Marvel Zombies 2*](/wiki/Marvel_Zombies_2), set in the alternate universe of [Earth-2149](/wiki/Multiverse_(Marvel_Comics)#Known_alternate_universes). Having been "zombified", the character is killed by the cosmic-powered [Hulk](/wiki/Hulk_(comics)) after an altercation over food.[[61]](#cite_note-61)

## In other media[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=17)]

### Television[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=18)]

* Thanos features in the animated television series [*Silver Surfer*](/wiki/Silver_Surfer_(TV_series)), voiced by Gary Krawford. Due to [Fox's](/wiki/Fox_Broadcasting_Company) broadcast standards, Thanos is depicted as a worshiper of a female personification of [chaos](/wiki/Chaos_(cosmogony)) (referred to as Lady Chaos) rather than Death where Thanos is seen with a statue of Lady Chaos on his ship.[[62]](#cite_note-62)\* Thanos appears in [*The Super Hero Squad Show*](/wiki/The_Super_Hero_Squad_Show), voiced by [Steven Blum](/wiki/Steven_Blum) (in Season One) and by [Jim Cummings](/wiki/Jim_Cummings) (in Season Two).
* Thanos appears in [*Avengers Assemble*](/wiki/Avengers_Assemble_(TV_series)),[[63]](#cite_note-63) voiced by [Isaac C. Singleton, Jr.](/wiki/Isaac_C._Singleton_Jr.)[[64]](#cite_note-64) At the end of season one's finale, Thanos is revealed to be the [Red Skull's](/wiki/Red_Skull) master. Thanos then appears in season two, first coming to Earth in pursuit of the Red Skull while searching for the Power Stone before being blasted to the other side of the galaxy by [Arsenal's](/wiki/Arsenal_(Marvel_Comics)) self-sacrifice. Thanos later returns in "Widow's Run" and claims the remaining Infinity Stones from the [Black Widow](/wiki/Black_Widow_(Natasha_Romanova)), preparing to use the Infinity Gauntlet to rule the universe before he is defeated by the Avengers in "Thanos Triumphant" and is taken away by the Guardians of the Galaxy and placed in Nova Corps custody. After the defeats of [Ultron](/wiki/Ultron) and the [Squadron Supreme](/wiki/Squadron_Supreme), Thanos is freed by the [Black Order](/wiki/Black_Order_(comics)) in season two's two-part finale before being defeated and rendered incorporeal.
* Thanos appears as a recurring villain in [*Guardians of the Galaxy*](/wiki/Guardians_of_the_Galaxy_(TV_series)), voiced again by Isaac C. Singleton Jr.

### Film[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=19)]

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* [Damion Poitier](/wiki/Damion_Poitier) makes a cameo appearance as Thanos (credited as Man #1) during the mid-credits of the 2012 film [*The Avengers*](/wiki/The_Avengers_(2012_film)) as [Loki's](/wiki/Loki_(comics)) mysterious benefactor.<ref name=Empire>[Template:Cite web](/wiki/Template:Cite_web)</ref>[[65]](#cite_note-65)\* [Josh Brolin](/wiki/Josh_Brolin) appears as Thanos in the 2014 film [*Guardians of the Galaxy*](/wiki/Guardians_of_the_Galaxy_(film)).[[66]](#cite_note-66) He tries to use [Ronan the Accuser](/wiki/Ronan_the_Accuser) to obtain an Infinity Stone. The film also introduces him as the adoptive father of [Gamora](/wiki/Gamora) and [Nebula](/wiki/Nebula_(comics)). [Sean Gunn](/wiki/Sean_Gunn) stood in for Thanos on set,[[67]](#cite_note-67)[[68]](#cite_note-68) while Brolin provided the [performance capture](/wiki/Performance_capture) of the character.[[69]](#cite_note-69) Thanos was originally going to have a larger role in *Guardians of the Galaxy*, but [Joss Whedon](/wiki/Joss_Whedon) felt that the character needed to be threaded more gently.[[70]](#cite_note-70)\* Josh Brolin reprises his role (uncredited) in the mid-credits scene of the 2015 film [*Avengers: Age of Ultron*](/wiki/Avengers:_Age_of_Ultron). Thanos is seen retrieving an Infinity Gauntlet without stones saying "Fine, I'll do it myself."
* Josh Brolin will reprise the role of Thanos in the upcoming films [*Avengers: Infinity War – Part 1*](/wiki/List_of_Marvel_Cinematic_Universe_films#Avengers:_Infinity_War_–_Part_1) and [*Avengers: Infinity War – Part 2*](/wiki/List_of_Marvel_Cinematic_Universe_films#Avengers:_Infinity_War_–_Part_2).[[71]](#cite_note-71)[[72]](#cite_note-72)

### Video games[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=20)]

* Thanos appears in [Capcom's](/wiki/Capcom) [*Marvel Super Heroes*](/wiki/Marvel_Super_Heroes_(arcade_game)), voiced by [Andrew Jackson](/wiki/Andrew_Jackson_(actor)).[Template:Cn](/wiki/Template:Cn)
* Thanos appears in [*Marvel Super Heroes: War of the Gems*](/wiki/Marvel_Super_Heroes:_War_of_the_Gems), voiced again by [Andrew Jackson](/wiki/Andrew_Jackson_(actor)).[Template:Cn](/wiki/Template:Cn)
* Thanos appears as a playable character in [*Marvel vs. Capcom 2: New Age of Heroes*](/wiki/Marvel_vs._Capcom_2:_New_Age_of_Heroes), with Andrew Jackson reprising the role.[Template:Cn](/wiki/Template:Cn)
* Thanos has a cameo appearance in [*Marvel: Ultimate Alliance*](/wiki/Marvel:_Ultimate_Alliance).[Template:Cn](/wiki/Template:Cn) Uatu the Watcher mentions in the future part of the ending that Thanos will plot to invade Earth in the near future when it comes to the player's choice of freeing [Odin](/wiki/Odin_(Marvel_Comics)) from a dark magic confinement. If Odin is freed, Odin's intervention will prevent Thanos from enslaving Earth. If the player doesn't free Odin, the Earth will pay a heavy price as Odin will refuse to aid [Thor](/wiki/Thor_(Marvel_Comics)) in battling Thanos, and Earth ends up enslaved for centuries before it's liberated from Thanos's tyranny.
* Thanos appears in [*Marvel Super Hero Squad: The Infinity Gauntlet*](/wiki/Marvel_Super_Hero_Squad:_The_Infinity_Gauntlet), voiced by Jim Cummings.[Template:Cn](/wiki/Template:Cn)
* Thanos appears in [*Marvel: Avengers Alliance*](/wiki/Marvel:_Avengers_Alliance).[Template:Cn](/wiki/Template:Cn) He is featured in the 13th Spec-Ops mission that is based on the *Infinity* storyline. In the 20th Spec-Op mission called *Guardians of the Galaxy* (which is officially placed right after the *Infinity* comic series), it is said Thanos is still trapped in Thane's amber field.
* Thanos appears in the [*Marvel Pinball*](/wiki/Marvel_Pinball) table "The Infinity Gauntlet", voiced by [Isaac C. Singleton Jr.](/wiki/Isaac_C._Singleton_Jr.).[Template:Cn](/wiki/Template:Cn)
* Thanos appeared as a [downloadable content](/wiki/Downloadable_content) character in [*Lego Marvel Super Heroes*](/wiki/Lego_Marvel_Super_Heroes),[[73]](#cite_note-73) voiced by [John DiMaggio](/wiki/John_DiMaggio).[Template:Cn](/wiki/Template:Cn)
* Thanos is a playable character in [*Marvel Super Hero Squad Online*](/wiki/Marvel_Super_Hero_Squad_Online).[Template:Cn](/wiki/Template:Cn)
* Thanos appears as a character in the free-to-play mobile fighting game [*Marvel Contest of Champions*](/wiki/Marvel_Contest_of_Champions) released by Kabam and available for download on both iOS and Android devices.[Template:Cn](/wiki/Template:Cn)
* Thanos is a playable character in [*Lego Marvel's Avengers*](/wiki/Lego_Marvel's_Avengers).[Template:Cn](/wiki/Template:Cn)

## Collected editions[[edit](/index.php?title=(none)&action=edit&section=21)]

A number of the stories featuring Thanos have been collected into [trade paperbacks](/wiki/Trade_paperback_(comics)):

* *The Life of Captain Marvel* (collects *Iron Man* #55, *Captain Marvel* #25-34, [*Marvel Feature*](/wiki/Marvel_Feature) #12), 1991, ISBN 0-87135-635-X
* [*Essential*](/wiki/Essential_Marvel) *Avengers: Volume 6* (includes *Captain Marvel* #33; *The Avengers* #125, 135), 576 pages, February 2008, ISBN 0-7851-3058-6
* *The Greatest Battles of the Avengers* (includes *Avengers Annual* #7), 156 pages, December 1993, ISBN 0-87135-981-2
* *Essential Marvel Two-in-One: Volume 2* (includes [*Marvel Two-in-One*](/wiki/Marvel_Two-in-One) *Annual* #2), 568 pages, July 2007, ISBN 0-7851-2698-8
* [*Marvel Masterworks*](/wiki/Marvel_Masterworks) *Captain Marvel: Volume 3* (includes *Captain Marvel* #22–33, *Iron Man* #55), 288 pages, April 2008, ISBN 0-7851-3015-2
* *Marvel Masterworks Warlock: Volume 2* (includes *Strange Tales* #178-181; *Warlock* #9–15; *Avengers Annual* #7; *Marvel Two-in-One Annual* #2), hardcover, 320 pages, June 2009, ISBN 0-7851-3511-1
* *The Death of Captain Marvel* (collects *Captain Marvel* #34, [*Marvel Spotlight*](/wiki/Marvel_Spotlight) #1–2, *Marvel Graphic Novel* #1), 128 pages, hardcover, June 2010, ISBN 0-7851-4627-X
* *Silver Surfer: Rebirth of Thanos* (collects [*Silver Surfer*](/wiki/Silver_Surfer) #34–38; [*The Thanos Quest*](/wiki/The_Thanos_Quest) miniseries; "The Final Flower!" from [*Logan's Run*](/wiki/Logan's_Run_(comics)) #6), 224 pages, April 2006, ISBN 0-7851-2046-7 (hardcover, August 2010, ISBN 0-7851-4478-1)
* [*The Infinity Gauntlet*](/wiki/The_Infinity_Gauntlet) (collects *The Infinity Gauntlet* limited series), 256 pages, March 2000, ISBN 0-87135-944-8 (December 2004, ISBN 0-7851-0892-0; July 2006, ISBN 0-7851-2349-0; hardcover, August 2010, ISBN 0-7851-4549-4)
* *Infinity War* (collects *Infinity War* limited series; *Warlock and the Infinity Watch* #7–10; [*Marvel Comics Presents*](/wiki/Marvel_Comics_Presents) #108–111), 400 pages, April 2006, ISBN 0-7851-2105-6
* *Infinity Crusade*:
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  + *Volume 2* (collects *Infinity Crusade* #4–6, *Warlock Chronicles* #4–5, *Warlock and the Infinity Watch* #20–22), 248 pages, February 2009, ISBN 0-7851-3128-0
* *Thor: Blood and Thunder* (collects *Thor* #468–471, *Silver Surfer* #86–88, *Warlock Chronicles* #6–8, *Warlock and the Infinity Watch* #23–25), 336 pages, July 2011, ISBN 978-0-7851-5094-7
* [*DC versus Marvel Comics*](/wiki/DC_vs._Marvel) (collects *DC vs. Marvel* mini-series, *Doctor Strangefate* #1), 163 pages, September 1996, ISBN 1-56389-294-4
* [*Ka-Zar*](/wiki/Ka-Zar_(comics)) by [Mark Waid](/wiki/Mark_Waid) and [Andy Kubert](/wiki/Andy_Kubert):
  + *Volume 1* (collects *Ka-Zar* #1–7, *Tales of the Marvel Universe* #1), 208 pages, January 2011, ISBN 978-0-7851-4353-6
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