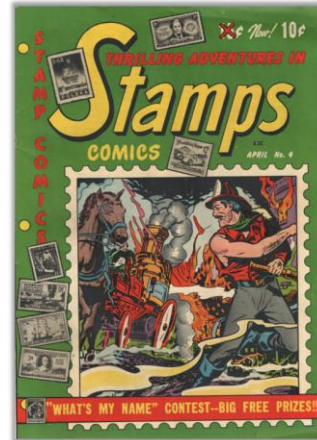
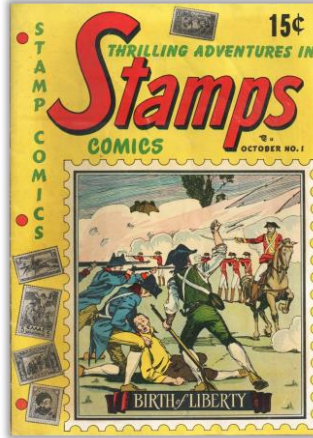
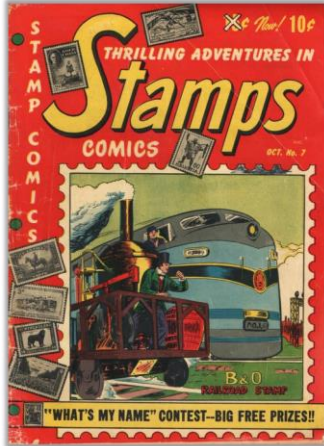


Thrilling Adventures in Stamps Comics

The Golden Age of Stamp Collecting and Comic Books

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In the early 1950s, young stamp collectors with a passion for comic books were treated to a perfect combination with Youthful Magazines' *Thrilling Adventures in Stamps Comics*, a skillfully illustrated series seeking to bring the stories behind the stamps to life for its readers. The short-lived publication had only eight issues, but each was a true gem.



In the first issue's Introduction page, the editors promised "glimpses of faraway places, great moments of history, strange legends, tales of horror and wild adventure, all taken from the little squares of paper issued by the post offices of every land."



In addition to the many pages of classic comic adventures based on the subjects and themes of postage stamps, the comic book offered quality content and stories for the promotion of the stamp collecting hobby. Educational pieces offered guidance on specialized collections, how to start a stamp club, and what to consider for a topical collection.



Enlightening tidbits, with appropriate stamp images, were presented in the "Oddities in Stamps" pages highlighting such items as a surcharge overprint that blotted out the Emperor's face on an Austrian stamp used by Yugoslavia!

In several issues of the comic, readers were encouraged to enter a "barrels of fun for everyone" contest called "What's My Name" where you attempted to identify a person as the main subject of a stamp, hopefully revealed by clues provided in a two-page story. Readers with correct answers were awarded 100 all-different stamps!

