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## **Editorial Review**

From Publishers Weekly

In his first book, *Badass*, Thompson, creator of the Web site [badassoftheweek.com](http://badassoftheweek.com), focused on warlords, samurai, pirates, and gunfighters who actually existed; in this follow-up, he turns to mythological badasses throughout history. From Anubis and Zeus to Capt. James T. Kirk and Godzilla, Thompson delivers detailed and adrenaline-fueled screeds on 40 characters "whose stories of ball-crushing conquest are still awesome enough to make even the tamest readers want to snatch up a sword and go hunting for dragon meat." Subjects include El Chupacabra ("this freakadelic ass-reaming spawn of Satan"); Diomedes ("the wanton slaughter of faceless jobbers is just the beginning of awesomeness"); and, in a long-overdue tribute, the Daleks from *Doctor Who* ("these murderous, automated salt-shakers are vile constructs of pure evil"). Fortunately, the book includes badass women as well as men, and Thompson's overheated prose rises even further when describing the Indian goddess Kali: "When she's not consuming the entrails of the gods, getting drunk on human blood, performing her Dance of Annihilation... she shoots blood out of her mouth like a fire hose... she's pretty much the most totally metal being ever." (Mar.)  
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From the Back Cover

From sex-crazed gods to ravenous monsters, Ben Thompson brings legendary titans to life in tales of adventure, bloodlust, and unrelenting badassitude.

Since the beginning of human history people have created myths, tall tales, superheroes, and arch-villains—men and women who embarked on insane adventures, performed extraordinary feats of unparalleled awesomeness, and overcame all odds to violently smite their foes into bloody pulp. In *Badass: The Birth of a Legend*, Ben Thompson compiles these fantastical tales from the beginning of time to today and tells them in the completely over-the-top manner in which they were intended, including:

Rama

The Indian god-king who led an army of monkeys against the King of All Demons

Thor

The Viking god of thunder and awesome hair, who crushed the skulls of giants with a ridiculously huge hammer

Beowulf

An Anglo-Saxon hero so hardcore he could arm-wrestle monsters' joints out of their sockets

Moby-Dick

The hate-filled literary behemoth who obliterated ship hulls with his face

Skuld

The Norse necromancer queen who summoned a horde of zombie berserkers

Dirty Harry Callahan

The prototypical modern-day antihero and very embodiment of badass

### About the Author

Ben Thompson has run the warhammer of a website [badassoftheweek.com](http://badassoftheweek.com) since 2004, and has written humorous history-related columns for outlets such as *Cracked*, *Fangoria*, *Penthouse*, and the American Mustache Institute. Even though he's never flown a jetpack over the Atlantic Ocean or punched someone so hard that his head exploded, he is considered by many to be the world's foremost expert on badassitude. He is the author of *Badass and Badass: The Birth of a Legend*.

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