

# Doctor Strange: The Sorcerer Supreme (1974-1987): A Comprehensive Retrospective of David Throop's Defining Run

When it comes to classic Marvel Comics runs, few stand as tall as David Throop's tenure on 'Doctor Strange' from 1974 to 1987. During this transformative period, Throop redefined the character of Doctor Stephen Strange, solidified the concept of the Multiverse, and introduced some of the Marvel Universe's most iconic cosmic entities.



## Doctor Strange (1974-1987) #15 by David Throop

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This comprehensive retrospective will delve into the groundbreaking storylines, compelling characters, and enduring themes that made David Throop's 'Doctor Strange' run a true masterpiece.

## The Sorcerer Supreme Reborn

When Throop took over the 'Doctor Strange' title in 1974, the character was at a crossroads. After a decade of adventures, Strange had become somewhat stagnant, his stories often formulaic and lacking in depth.

Throop breathed new life into the character by exploring Strange's inner conflicts and delving into the mystical aspects of his world. He reimagined Strange as a flawed but determined hero, constantly wrestling with his own doubts and the temptations of power.

## **The Multiverse and Cosmic Entities**

One of Throop's most significant contributions to the Marvel Universe was the expansion and solidification of the concept of the Multiverse. In his stories, Strange traveled to alternate realities, each with its own unique set of rules and inhabitants.

Throop also introduced several cosmic entities into the 'Doctor Strange' mythos, including Eternity, Infinity, and the Living Tribunal. These abstract beings represented the fundamental forces of the universe and played a pivotal role in the story's cosmic conflicts.

## **Iconic Villains and Side Characters**

In addition to the cosmic entities, Throop created several memorable and enduring villains during his 'Doctor Strange' run. Baron Mordo, the sorcerer's archnemesis, was reimagined as a complex and sympathetic character torn between good and evil.

Other notable villains included the demonic Dormammu, the extra-dimensional Shuma-Gorath, and the cosmic conqueror Thanos. Throop also introduced beloved side characters such as Wong, Strange's loyal assistant, and Clea, the sorceress who would become Strange's love interest.

## **Themes and Legacy**

Throughout his 'Doctor Strange' run, Throop explored various themes, including the nature of reality, the power of belief, and the struggle between good and evil.

His stories also delved into the psychological aspects of magic, focusing on the toll it took on Strange's mind and soul. Throop's portrayal of Strange as a flawed and conflicted hero made the character relatable and sympathetic to readers.

David Throop's 'Doctor Strange' run is widely considered one of the greatest comic book runs of all time. It redefined the character, expanded the Marvel Universe, and left an indelible mark on the genre. His stories continue to inspire and entertain readers decades after their initial publication.



David Throop's iconic cover for the first issue of his 'Doctor Strange' run



Doctor Strange facing off against the demonic Dormammu



Doctor Strange meeting Eternity, the embodiment of the universe



Doctor Strange and his love interest, Clea



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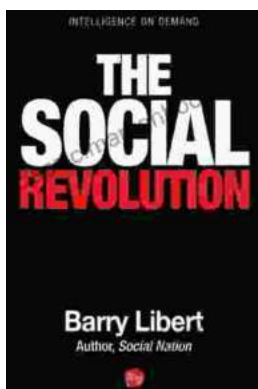
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