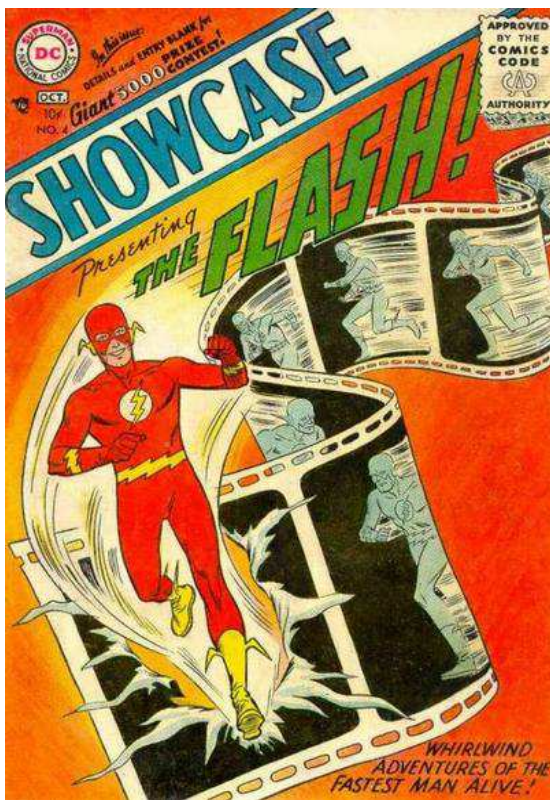


**Showcase #4 The Flash (DC, 1956)** #1 most valuable and key DC comic of the past 70 years ! #1 most valuable DC Silver age comic. In terms of historical significance, few books can hold a candle to **Showcase #4** -- it introduced a new superhero at a time when only Superman, Batman, and Wonder Woman had their own titles (and not a single superhero was being published at Atlas/Marvel after that firm's failed revival attempt a couple of years previously).

Paul Kupperberg noted, "frankly, anything would have been a welcome relief from the tedium of the day, when Superman was pitted against gangsters in suits and Batman fought aliens in outer space." Though all of the creators involved (editor Julius Schwartz, writer Robert Kanigher, penciler Carmine Infantino, and inker Joe Kubert) had worked on the Golden Age **Flash Comics** title in some capacity, it was agreed to create a new Flash character rather than attempting a revival and the target audience for comics was too young to remember the older series anyway. Even a reference to the old series showing a copy of **Flash Comics** #13 went over readers' heads -- Gary Carter noted that that panel was "the first time I ever saw the Golden Age Flash as a child. At the time though, I had no idea it was a 'real' comic book, so to speak." The new Flash, Barry Allen, not only had a sleek look unlike any costume seen in the Golden Age, the art style was exciting and new, courtesy of Carmine Infantino. The character was a hit, and three more **Showcase** appearances and his own series would soon follow.

CGC Universal 125 copies / VF/NM 9.0 or better = 4 copies / Heritage Auctions sold 47 copies by 3/2013  
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	2.0	4.0	6.0	8.0	9.0	9.2
2015	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$26,000.00	\$53,000.00	\$80,000.00
2014	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$23,000.00	\$46,500.00	\$70,000.00
2013	\$1,900.00	\$3,800.00	\$5,700.00	\$20,000.00	\$42,500.00	\$65,000.00
2012	\$1,750.00	\$3,500.00	\$5,250.00	\$18,500.00	\$39,250.00	\$60,000.00
2011	\$1,650.00	\$3,300.00	\$4,950.00	\$17,500.00	\$36,750.00	\$56,000.00
2010	\$1,600.00	\$3,200.00	\$4,800.00	\$17,000.00	\$35,500.00	\$54,000.00
2009	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$16,000.00	\$32,000.00	\$48,000.00
2008	\$1,333.00	\$2,666.00	\$4,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$45,000.00
2007	\$1,267.00	\$2,534.00	\$3,800.00	\$13,600.00	\$28,300.00	\$43,000.00
2006	\$1,250.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,750.00	\$13,500.00	\$28,000.00	\$42,500.00
2005	\$1,200.00	\$2,400.00	\$3,600.00	\$13,200.00	\$27,600.00	\$42,000.00
2004	\$1,200.00	\$2,400.00	\$3,600.00	\$13,200.00	\$27,100.00	\$41,000.00
2003	\$1,188.00	\$2,376.00	\$3,564.00	\$13,000.00	\$25,500.00	\$38,000.00

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CGC Label	CGC Total	Avg. Grade	10	9.9	9.8	9.6	9.4	9.2	9.0	8.5	8.0	7.5	7.0	6.5	6.0	5.5	5.0	4.5	4.0	3.5	3.0	2.5	2.0	1.8	1.5	1.0	0.5		
Showcase 1 (3-4/56, D.C. Comics)	Universal	39	4.83	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	2	5	4	2	1	6	2	3	1	2	2	1	1	1	
Showcase 1 (3-4/56, D.C. Comics)	Restored	12	4.75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	2	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Showcase 2 (5-6/56, D.C. Comics)	Universal	26	5.40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	4	3	2	1	2	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	
Showcase 2 (5-6/56, D.C. Comics)	Restored	1	3.50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Showcase 3 (7-8/56, D.C. Comics)	Universal	32	5.17	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	7	3	0	1	5	7	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	
Showcase 4 (9-10/56, D.C. Comics)	Universal	210	4.27	0	0	0	1	2	2	2	3	7	6	5	7	5	12	27	23	23	10	25	12	10	9	10	7	2	
Showcase 4 (9-10/56, D.C. Comics)	Signature	4	2.88	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Showcase 4 (9-10/56, D.C. Comics)	Restored	89	5.30	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	5	7	9	7	7	5	3	11	5	5	4	3	2	4	1	0	2	
Showcase 4 (9-10/56, D.C. Comics)	Qualified	3	3.50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Showcase 5 (11-12/56, D.C. Comics)	Universal	26	5.71	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	4	2	2	3	3	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Showcase 5 (11-12/56, D.C. Comics)	Restored	1	3.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Showcase 5 (11-12/56, D.C. Comics)	Qualified	1	4.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Showcase 6 (1-2/57, D.C. Comics)	Restored	11	5.50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Showcase 7 (3-4/57, D.C. Comics)	Universal	44	5.27	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	3	0	1	3	5	3	3	7	5	1	2	5	1	0	0	0	0	
Books	CGC Label	CGC Total	Avg. Grade	10	9.9	9.8	9.6	9.4	9.2	9.0	8.5	8.0	7.5	7.0	6.5	6.0	5.5	5.0	4.5	4.0	3.5	3.0	2.5	2.0	1.8	1.5	1.0	0.5	
Showcase 7 (3-4/57, D.C. Comics)	Restored	4	7.13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Showcase 8 (5-6/57, D.C. Comics)	Universal	136	4.31	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	6	3	5	10	7	6	10	11	16	14	18	12	4	2	7	3	0	
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Showcase 9 (7-8/57, D.C. Comics)	Universal	100	4.07	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	3	3	4	1	6	13	5	14	10	8	12	5	2	4	3	2	
Showcase 9 (7-8/57, D.C. Comics)	Restored	15	5.03	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	
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Showcase 10 (9-10/57, D.C. Comics)	Restored	5	4.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
Showcase 11 (11-12/57, D.C. Comics)	Universal	47	5.86	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	3	3	6	3	3	3	8	2	6	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Showcase 11 (11-12/57, D.C. Comics)	Restored	6	6.33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Showcase 11 (11-12/57, D.C. Comics)	Qualified	2	3.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Showcase 12 (1-2/58, D.C. Comics)	Universal	48	5.02	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	2	6	1	6	5	5	7	4	3	0	3	0	1	0	0	
Showcase 12 (1-2/58, D.C. Comics)	Restored	3	5.83	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Showcase 13 (3-4/58, D.C. Comics)	Universal	97	5.26	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	3	9	10	10	6	5	10	7	7	7	5	8	1	1	2	1	0	