

# Batman: Supergirl)

Supergirl (Kara Zor-El)

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Supergirl (real name Kara Zor-El) is a superheroine appearing in American comic books published by DC Comics. She was created by Otto Binder and designed by Al Plastino. Kara first appeared in the story "The Supergirl from Krypton" in Action Comics #252 (May 1959). She is the biological cousin of Kal-El, who went on to adopt the name of Clark Kent and the superhero identity Superman. Her father, Zor-El, is the brother of Superman's father, Jor-El.

During the 1980s and the revolution of the Modern Age of Comics, Superman editors believed the character's history had become too convoluted, thus killing Supergirl during the 1985 Crisis on Infinite Earths event and retconning her out of existence.

DC Comics Senior Vice President Dan DiDio re-introduced the character in 2004 along with editor Eddie Berganza and writer Jeph Loeb, with the Superman/Batman storyline "The Supergirl from Krypton". As the current Supergirl, Kara stars in her own monthly comic book series. With DC's The New 52 relaunch, Kara, like most of the DC Universe, was revamped. DC relaunched the Supergirl comic in August 2016 as part of their DC Rebirth initiative.

In live-action, Supergirl first appeared in the film Supergirl (1984), played by Helen Slater. She later appeared in the television series Smallville, played by Laura Vandervoort, and Supergirl, played by Melissa Benoist, who also appears on other Arrowverse series. Sasha Calle appeared as Supergirl in the DC Extended Universe (DCEU) film The Flash (2023). The character appears in the DC Universe (DCU) franchise portrayed by Milly Alcock, debuting in the film Superman (2025) prior to Supergirl (2026).

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Superman/Batman: Apocalypse is a 2010 American animated superhero film based on the Superman/Batman comic book storyline "The Supergirl from Krypton" and is a standalone sequel to Superman/Batman: Public Enemies. The art style is partly based on that of Michael Turner, who penciled the Superman/Batman comic book arc. Directed by Lauren Montgomery, it is the ninth film of the DC Universe Animated Original Movies. The film stars Andre Braugher, Kevin Conroy, Tim Daly, and Summer Glau. Despite the title, the film focuses primarily on Supergirl and Superman, with Batman playing a supporting role.

The film was released on September 28, 2010, by Warner Premiere and Warner Bros. Animation. The two-disc special edition and Blu-ray also includes an animated short featuring Green Arrow.

Supergirl

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Supergirl is the name of several fictional superheroines appearing in American comic books published by DC Comics. The original, current, and most well known Supergirl is Kara Zor-El, the cousin of superhero Superman. The character made her first appearance in Action Comics #252 (May 1959) and was created by

Otto Binder and Al Plastino.

## Superman in film

*Reeve and George Reeves. Sasha Calle stars as Supergirl along with a cameo by Helen Slater. 2013: Lego Batman: The Movie*

DC Super Heroes Unite — Superman - DC Comics's Superman franchise, based on the character of the same name created by Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster in June 1938, has seen the release of various films since its inception.

The character debuted in cinemas in a series of animated shorts beginning in 1941 and was the protagonist of two movie serials in 1948 and 1950. An independent studio, Lippert Pictures, released the first Superman feature film, *Superman and the Mole Men*, starring George Reeves, in 1951. In 1973, the film rights to the Superman character were purchased by Ilya Salkind, Alexander Salkind, and Pierre Spengler. After multiple scripts and several years in development, Richard Donner was hired as director, and he shot two films, *Superman* (1978) (marketed as *Superman: The Movie*), and *Superman II* (1980), at the same time, both starring Christopher Reeve. Donner had filmed 75 percent of *Superman II* before it was decided to suspend shooting on the first film. The Salkinds fired Donner after *Superman's* release and commissioned Richard Lester as the director to finish *Superman II*. Lester returned to direct *Superman III* (1983). The Salkinds also produced the spin-off *Supergirl* (1984). They then sold the rights to Cannon Films, which produced the poorly reviewed *Superman IV: The Quest for Peace* (1987). Ilya Salkind commissioned a fifth Superman script before Warner Bros. acquired the rights in 1993.

Over the course of 11 years, Warner Bros. developed and canceled three projects: Tim Burton's *Superman Lives*, which would have starred Nicolas Cage; Wolfgang Petersen's *Batman vs. Superman*; and the J. J. Abrams-scripted *Superman: Flyby* which went between directors Joseph "McG" Nichols and Brett Ratner. In 2004, the studio hired Bryan Singer and released *Superman Returns* in 2006, starring Brandon Routh. Donner's director's cut for *Superman II* was also released that year. Despite positive reviews, Warner Bros. was disappointed with the financial performance of *Superman Returns*, and canceled a sequel, which would have been released in 2009. The studio nearly started production of a Justice League film with George Miller directing and D. J. Cotrona as Superman for a 2009 release, but it was shelved in 2008.

The film series was rebooted in 2013 with *Man of Steel*, directed by Zack Snyder with Henry Cavill starring as Superman. *Man of Steel* launched what became known as the DC Extended Universe (DCEU). Cavill next appeared as Superman in the DCEU films *Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice* (2016) and *Justice League* (2017) (both again directed by Snyder), and in the director's cut of *Justice League*, Zack Snyder's *Justice League* (2021); he then made a cameo appearance in the mid-credits scene of *Black Adam* (2022). *The Flash* (2023) featured Superman cameos portrayed by Henry Cavill, Nicolas Cage, George Reeves, and Christopher Reeve. Sasha Calle, along with Helen Slater, appeared as Supergirl in the film.

The series was once again rebooted with *Superman* (2025), with David Corenswet as Superman. The film was written and directed by James Gunn and is the first film of the DC Universe (DCU). Milly Alcock portrayed Supergirl in the film, and is set to reprise the role in the upcoming *Supergirl* (2026).

## Supergirl (comic book)

*from Batman/Superman's "The Infected" event where Supergirl was "infected" by a tainted Batarang that was meant for Superman; as a result, Supergirl turned*

Supergirl is the name of seven comic book series published by DC Comics, featuring various characters of the same name. The majority of the titles feature Superman's cousin Kara Zor-El.

## Supergirl (2026 film)

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Supergirl is an upcoming American superhero film based on the eponymous character from DC Comics. Directed by Craig Gillespie and written by Ana Nogueira, it will be the second film in the DC Universe (DCU). Milly Alcock stars as Kara Zor-El / Supergirl, alongside Matthias Schoenaerts, Eve Ridley, David Krumholtz, and Emily Beecham. In the film, Supergirl travels across the galaxy on a murderous quest for revenge. It is produced by James Gunn and Peter Safran of DC Studios.

A film featuring Supergirl entered development as part of the DC Extended Universe (DCEU) franchise in August 2018, and the character was introduced in the film *The Flash* (2023) portrayed by Sasha Calle. Plans for the standalone project were altered when Gunn and Safran became co-CEOs of DC Studios in October 2022. A new Supergirl film was announced as *Supergirl: Woman of Tomorrow* in January 2023, based on the eponymous 2021–22 comic book miniseries by Tom King and Bilquis Evely. Nogueira was hired by November 2023; Alcock was cast in January 2024 to debut in the first DCU film, *Superman* (2025); and Gillespie joined that May. Filming took place from January to May 2025 at Warner Bros. Studios Leavesden and London in England, and in Scotland. The subtitle was dropped by June 2025.

Supergirl is scheduled to be released by Warner Bros. Pictures in the United States on June 26, 2026. It will be part of the DCU's Chapter One: Gods and Monsters.

Supergirl in other media

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Supergirl (TV series)

*Supergirl is an American superhero drama television series developed by Ali Adler, Greg Berlanti and Andrew Kreisberg that aired on CBS from October 26*

Supergirl is an American superhero drama television series developed by Ali Adler, Greg Berlanti and Andrew Kreisberg that aired on CBS from October 26, 2015 to April 8, 2016, and later The CW from October 10, 2016 to November 9, 2021. Based on the DC Comics character created by Otto Binder and Al Plastino, the series follows Kara Zor-El (played by Melissa Benoist), Superman's cousin, and one of the last surviving Kryptonians from the planet Krypton. As Supergirl, Kara uses her powers to protect National City. The series was retroactively incorporated into the Arrowverse beginning with its second season, and became definitively linked with the rest of the franchise in the fifth season.

The series was officially picked up on May 6, 2015, after receiving a full series commitment in September 2014. Following a full season order on November 30, 2015, it transitioned to The CW for its second season going forward.

Supergirl received mixed-to-positive reviews from critics, with praise for its creative direction and cast performances (especially Benoist's), though its handling of political themes such as empowerment and social justice was criticized. It won the Most Exciting New Series at the 5th Critics' Choice Television Awards in 2015. The television series *Superman & Lois* was developed as a direct spin-off of Supergirl with Tyler Hoechlin and Elizabeth Tulloch reprising their Arrowverse roles; however, after COVID-19 restrictions led to a planned first season crossover with Supergirl being cancelled, creative redevelopment led to the series being retconned as being set in its own continuity from its second season onward, with no narrative ties to Supergirl, rendering it a stand-alone spin-off.

## The Flash (film)

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The Flash is a 2023 American superhero film based on the DC Comics character Barry Allen / The Flash. Directed by Andy Muschietti from a screenplay by Christina Hodson and a story by the writing team of John Francis Daley and Jonathan Goldstein alongside Joby Harold, it is the 13th film in the DC Extended Universe (DCEU) produced by DC Films. Ezra Miller stars as Barry Allen, who travels back in time to stop his mother's death and becomes stranded in an alternate past. Sasha Calle also stars in her film debut, alongside Michael Shannon, Ron Livingston, Maribel Verdú, Kiersey Clemons, Antje Traue, and Michael Keaton.

Development on a film featuring the Flash began in the late 1980s and various iterations were planned through 2014, when it was redeveloped for the DCEU and Miller was cast. Multiple writers and directors were attached over the following years, with Seth Grahame-Smith, Rick Famuyiwa, Daley, and Goldstein all departing the project over creative differences with the studios. Muschietti and Hodson became involved by July 2019, and pre-production began in January 2020. Influenced by the 2011 comic book storyline Flashpoint, the film explores the multiverse and features other DC characters, such as Sasha Calle's Supergirl and multiple versions of Batman, including Keaton's portrayal from the films Batman (1989) and Batman Returns (1992), while others were digitally included. Filming lasted from April to October 2021 at Warner Bros. Studios Leavesden and on location throughout the United Kingdom. The film's ending was altered several times during post-production due to wider DC plans changing under different studio leaderships.

The Flash premiered at Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Hollywood, Los Angeles, on June 12, 2023, and was released by Warner Bros. Pictures in the United States on June 16, following multiple delays caused by the director changes and the COVID-19 pandemic. The film received mixed reviews from critics, who praised its humor, action sequences, and performances, but criticized the visual effects and third act. It was also a box-office bomb, grossing \$271.4 million worldwide against a budget of \$200–220 million. Its box office performance was attributed to factors such as Miller's legal issues and controversies, the franchise's imminent reboot with the DC Universe (DCU), an overall decline of the superhero genre, and the film's mixed reception and marketing practices.

## Absolute Batman

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