



Golden Age Evaluation

Walt Disney's Comics and Stories – Vol. 18 No. 1 (October 1955)

Evaluation Date: April 16, 2026

Series: Walt Disney's Comics and Stories

Issue: Vol. 18 No. 1

Publisher: Dell Comics

Format: Comic magazine (52 pages)

Cover Description

Donald Duck and his nephews leap to catch a basketball while wearing halo costumes, set against a textured green background.

Contents

Donald Duck; Huey, Dewey, and Louie; additional Disney feature stories.

Golden Age Numeric Grade: 4.5

Golden Age Final Grade: Very Good+ (VG+)

Restoration Screen

No evidence of trimming, tape, glue, laminate, married pages, color touch, or amateur restoration is visible.

Exterior Condition

Front Cover

The front cover presents with **excellent retained original gloss**, producing an even sheen across the surface. Edge wear is minor and evenly distributed. Corner rounding is light, most noticeable at the lower corners. No major creases, surface breaks, or color-breaking defects are present. Cover colors remain rich and well saturated with crisp black linework. The cover remains firmly attached at the spine.

Back Cover

The back cover advertisement remains clean and intact. Light, uniform surface soiling is visible. No significant creasing is observed, and corners show only modest handling wear. Advertisement colors remain bright and legible. Paper exhibits uniform oxidation typical of mid-1950s stock.

Spine & Staples

The spine is straight and well aligned, with **no splitting, tearing, or paper loss** visible. Structural wear is localized to the staple areas rather than the spine fold.

Both original staples are present and seated. **Heavy rust/oxidation is visible on both staples**, appearing dark and uneven, with localized paper disturbance immediately adjacent to the staple points. Despite the corrosion, there is **no staple pull-through, page detachment, or centerfold separation**, and rust migration appears confined to the immediate staple zones.

Interior Pages

Page Color: Cream to light tan

Interior pages are clean, bright, and structurally sound. No full-thickness interior tears are observed in the sampled images. Minor edge wear and light corner creasing appear on a few pages without intrusion into panels or artwork. Interior colors remain notably strong for the period, with crisp halftones and sharp linework. Pages lie flat and remain securely attached at both staples.

Indicia visible and legible:

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Centerfold

The centerfold is intact and securely attached at both staples. Localized rust staining is visible at the staple points. No tearing or separation of the centerfold is observed.

Brittleness / Paper Flex

Pages flex smoothly with minimal stiffness. No cracking, flaking, or fiber fracture is visible. Paper is not brittle.

Final Results Summary

Evaluation Method	Final Score	Final Grade
Golden Age Evaluation	4.5	Very Good+ (VG+)
100-Point Evaluation	58 / 100	Very Good+ (VG+)

Consolidated List of Defects

- Heavy rust/oxidation on both staples
 - Localized paper disturbance adjacent to staple points
 - Minor front-cover edge wear
 - Light corner rounding
 - Light, uniform back-cover surface soiling
 - Minor interior edge wear and light corner creasing
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Grade Cap Explanation

Significant staple corrosion, while not resulting in pull-through, detachment, or rust migration, limits the book to the upper Very Good range despite excellent gloss, intact structure, strong interior color, and overall high visual appeal.
