

THE LEGEND OF THE BATMAN

CREATED BY **BOB KANE**
WHO HE IS AND HOW HE CAME TO BE
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My name is Alfred Pennyworth. I have been in the employ of the Wayne family nearly all of my adult life.

I have told this story to no one... Until now...

Dr. Thomas and Martha Wayne were good people. Many considered them the best family of Gotham City.

If they had one indulgence, it would be for their son, Master Bruce. Something I have come to understand and emulate.



I cannot imagine the man you'd Bruce might have become had his childhood not been ripped from him at gunpoint.



Suddenly orphaned and alone, a chilling event took place. There would be no grieving for this child. No time would be lost wishing he could change these events.

There would only be the promise.



That very night, on the street, atoned with his mother and father's blood, he would make a vow to rid the city of the evil that had taken their lives.

If was, at best, a fool's errand, or so I told myself.



Using his family's wealth, Master Bruce sought out the world's greatest minds in criminology, martial arts, and the craft of detecting.

He knew that criminals are, by nature, a cowardly and superstitious lot.

In time, he donned a cape and cowl and became a creature of the night, preying on those who broke the law.



They now call him **The Batman.**

But, I will always see him as that little boy, lost, struggling to find a way to make up for not being able to save his parents lives.

And I...? I can only offer him something I fear he sorely lacks.

Love.

