

'Miami Vice,' 'Knight Rider' return as digital

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Three other retro shows from the 1980s and '90s are also getting the treatment this year.



(Photo: NBC)

STORY HIGHLIGHTS

- Five popular retro shows are being developed as digital comics
- Series include "Knight Rider," "Airwolf" and "Miami Vice"
- Also "Punky Brewster" and "Saved by the Bell"

KITT, Airwolf and Crockett and Tubbs are among those TV pop-culture icons coming back this year as totally rad retro comic books.

The St. Louis publisher Lion Forge Comics is partnering with NBC Universal to write, develop and publish digital comics based on five NBC shows from the 1980s and '90s: *Knight Rider*, *Airwolf*, *Miami Vice*, *Punky Brewster* and *Saved by the Bell*.

"From hugely popular characters such as Crockett and Tubbs, Zack Morris and Punky Brewster to highly stylized music and clothing choices, these TV franchises have had a significant impact on pop culture," said Lion Forge CEO David Steward in a statement.

The company's goal is to extend "that influence by creating visually appealing and entertaining experiences on mobile devices for a whole new generation of fans."

Among the writers on the projects are Joelle Sellner (*Teen Titans*), Jonathan London (*Geekscape*), Geoffrey Thorne (*Leverage*) and David Gorden (*Catalyst Prime*) while artists include Jason Johnson

(*Networks*), Carl Reed and Lorenzo Lizana.

The comics will debut later this year and will be available through the Amazon Kindle Bookstore, Apple's iBooks, Barnes & Noble's Nook Book Store and Kobo.