



# **Guide to the Eclipse Enterprises Trading Cards Collection, 1989-1993**

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## Summary

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**Collection Title:**

Eclipse Enterprises trading cards collection, 1989-1993

**Creator:**

Eclipse Comics

**Abstract:**

Complete group of ten trading card sets on social and political topics created by California company Eclipse Enterprises, dating 1989-1993.

**Extent:**

0.5 Linear Feet

**Language:**

English

**Language:**

Materials in English

**Collection ID:**

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## Background

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**Scope and Content**

Collection contains the complete run of non-sports, non-fiction boxed trading card sets produced by Eclipse Enterprises between 1989 and 1993. Titles include: Rotten to the Core: The Best and Worst of New York City's Politics; Bush League Trading Cards; Friendly Dictators Trading Cards, Featuring 36 of America's Most Embarrassing Allies; The Rock Bottom Awards: The Best and Worst in Bad Taste; Coup D'Etat: The Assassination of John F. Kennedy;

Foul Ball Trading Cards: Baseball's Greatest Scandals, Scoundrels, and Screw-Ups; Savings and Loan Scandal Trading Cards; Drug Wars Trading Cards: The Straight Dope on America's Dirtiest Deals; Iran-Contra Scandal Trading Cards, Featuring the Secret Team; and AIDS Awareness Trading Cards.

## **Biographical/Historical**

Eclipse Enterprises, also known as Eclipse Comics, was an independent American comic book publisher during the 1980s and early 1990s. In 1978, it published the first graphic novel intended for specialty comic stores; it also was one of the first companies to offer royalties and creator ownership of rights. It was also one of the early comic book publishers to produce trading cards.

Eclipse Enterprises was founded by brothers Jan and Dean Mullaney in 1977; it eventually settled and operated in Sonoma County, California. Due to the controversial products it distributed (which led to several lawsuits), as well as a devastating flood in 1986, Eclipse suffered ongoing financial hardships and eventually ceased operations in 1994. The owners filed for bankruptcy in 1995.

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## **Administrative Information**

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### **Acquisition Information**

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### **Processing Information**

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## **Names and Subjects**

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- AIDS (Disease) -- United States -- Prevention -- Pictorial works
- Kennedy, John F. (John Fitzgerald), 1917-1963 -- Death and burial
- Iran -- Foreign relations -- United States
- Drug control -- United States
- Dictatorship -- Latin America -- History -- 20th century
- United States -- Foreign relations -- 1945-
- Popular culture -- New York (State) -- New York
- Baseball -- United States
- Comic cards
- Bush, George, 1924-
- Eclipse Comics
- Kennedy, John F. (John Fitzgerald), 1917-1963

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## Collection Inventory

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AIDS Awareness Trading Cards, 1993 Box 1

**Scope and Contents**

Text: Perry Gaskill, William Livingstone, Catherine Yronwode, Althaea Yronwode. Illustrations: Greg Loudon, Charles Hiscock. Includes a sample package with condom.

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Bush League Trading Cards, 1989 Box 1

**Scope and Contents**

Editor: Catherine Yronwode. Writer: Paul Brancato. Art: Salim Yaqub.

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Coup D'Etat: The Assassination of John F. Kennedy Trading Cards, 1990 Box 1

**Scope and Contents**

Editor: Catherine Yronwode. Text: Paul Brancato. Art: Bill Sienkiewicz.

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Drug Wars Trading Cards: The Straight Dope on America's Dirtiest Deals, 1991 Box 1

**Scope and Contents**

Editor: Catherine Yronwode. Writers: Paul Brancato and Bob Callahan. Art: Salib Yaqub.

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Foul Ball Trading Cards: Baseball's Greatest Scandals, Scoundrels, and Screw-Ups, 1991 Box 1

**Scope and Contents**

Editor: Catherine Yronwode. Text: Gary Cohen. Art: William Cone.

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Friendly Dictators Trading Cards: Featuring 36 of America's Most Embarrassing Allies, 1989 Box 1

**Scope and Contents**

Editor: Catherine Yronwode. Writers: Dennis Bernstein and Laura Sydell. Art: Bill Sienkiewicz.

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Iran-Contra Scandal Trading Cards, Featuring the Secret Team, undated Box 1

**Scope and Contents**

Editor: Catherine Yronwode. Writer: Paul Brancato. Art: Salim Yaqub.

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The Comedy Channel presents the Rock Bottom  
Awards: The Best and Worst in Bad Taste, 1990

Box 1

**Scope and Contents**

Editor: Catherine Yronwode. Writer: Peggy Gordon. Art: Bill Sienkiewicz.

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Rotten to the Core Trading Cards: The Best and  
Worst of New York City's Politics, 1989

Box 1

**Scope and Contents**

Editor: Catherine Yronwode. Writers: Peggy Gordon and Dean Mullaney. Artists:  
Rick Bryant and George Kochell.

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Savings and Loan Scandal Trading Cards, 1991

Box 1

**Scope and Contents**

Editor: Catherine Yronwode. Writers: Dennis Bernstein and Laura Sydell. Artist:  
Stewart Stanyard. Whip: Paul Brancato.