

# Suicide Squad Analysis: Deadshot

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*~Spoiler Alert of Deadshot Comics mainly between 1950-2011 and some after 2011 but not as many after 2011, I'll warn people when there is a spoiler of the 2011~*

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Deadshot first appears in June 1950 in Batman #49 which began in the 1940's, he is wearing a trench coat and top hat in this first edition, he also offers his help to the police acting as a crime fighter while trying to kill Batman, it takes a while but Batman makes him lose his confidence in his shooting abilities and makes him confess. It was also revealed his name is Floyd Lawton.

Deadshot was shown in more Batman related comics and, also a show, it is also revealed in the Deadshot 1988 edition that Deadshot got out of jail and redid his costume to the one we see today, he went after Batman then, this is also a early version of Suicide Squad, the only well known character from the movie is Amanda Waller.

In the 1988 version he has a son instead of a daughter, in these issues the son was kidnapped by his own mother in the

end his son died. In this comic it is also revealed that he had a therapist named Marnie Herrs who really cared for him and at one point in the comic he cared for her but after his son died he didn't feel worthy of being cared for

Other volumes Deadshot was featured in was the *Secret Six* volume 1 and 2 series, *Batman: Cacophony* (breaking into Arkham to kill Joker), and there was also a 2005 volume of Deadshot, there are more to list because in this time there are parts of the *Suicide Squad* that goes including teammates like Waller, Rick Flag, and others. Though, all these facts are kind of irreverent because DC relaunched Deadshot in 2011, changing his origin story and other factors of this character. Since DC's rebirth in 2016, it has relaunched mostly all comics making most comic readers not too happy.



Deadshot 1950-2011

***(Spoilers for 2013 edition of The Justice League of America: Deadshot 7.1)***

In a 2013 edition of *The Justice League* a new origin story for Deadshot is revealed. Deadshot's name is still Floyd Layton but his family was killed in an "accident" when a shooting in the apartment near his family happens and there were sixty some bullets and stray bullets killed all of his family but none hit him only his book, he was now on a revenge streak and learned as a kid to shoot and vowed to killed the people who killed his family. He vowed never to miss, never not to get paid and never not to kill without a purpose. From then

Deadshot was made.

In the *Suicide Squad* comics Deadshot is one of the most valued members, he gets the job done no matter what, though, he is very loyal to the people he cares about and his team members. Deadshot cares for Harley also, he can tell that Joker isn't treating her right and tries to steer her onto a better path.



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Unlike the movie, Deadshot is white, his suit is more mechanical and has more gadgets, he can practically fly and has a bit better morals I would say. It was revealed in the special features of *Suicide Squad* the movie that they went off of *some* of the older comics, which doesn't make a whole lot of sense since *Suicide Squad* as a whole got rebooted in 2016 like most DC comics as I said. They used the post 2011 Deadshot costume also because after 2011 Deadshot's costume was more armor than a "fabric mask" like in the old comics, Deadshot's new costume was more "Iron Man" style than masked shooter.

When Deadshot got rebooted he has two daughters Suchin Lawton and Zoe Lawton, though, he did have a deceased brother named Edward Lawton which is a throwback to the old comics to Deadshot's dead son Edward "Eddie" Lawton. He does have a daughter in the post 2011 comics but it isn't known for a while, so the directors either took the 2011 edition (which I

believe so because her name was Zoe in the movie) and just mashed bits and pieces together.

Altogether, I believe that the directors of *Suicide Squad* took bits and pieces from the comics and put it in where they liked it instead of staying true to the comics. Yes, Deadshot never misses but it isn't revealed why. He has a daughter named Zoe, that's correct but its pulled from one piece of the comic universe, his suit is pieced from the post reboot more then the newer DC reboot. I love Will Smith and all but Deadshot would have been better with an actor like the one who played Flag or someone similar, though, Will Smith did nail Deadshot's personality, it is very well done.



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