

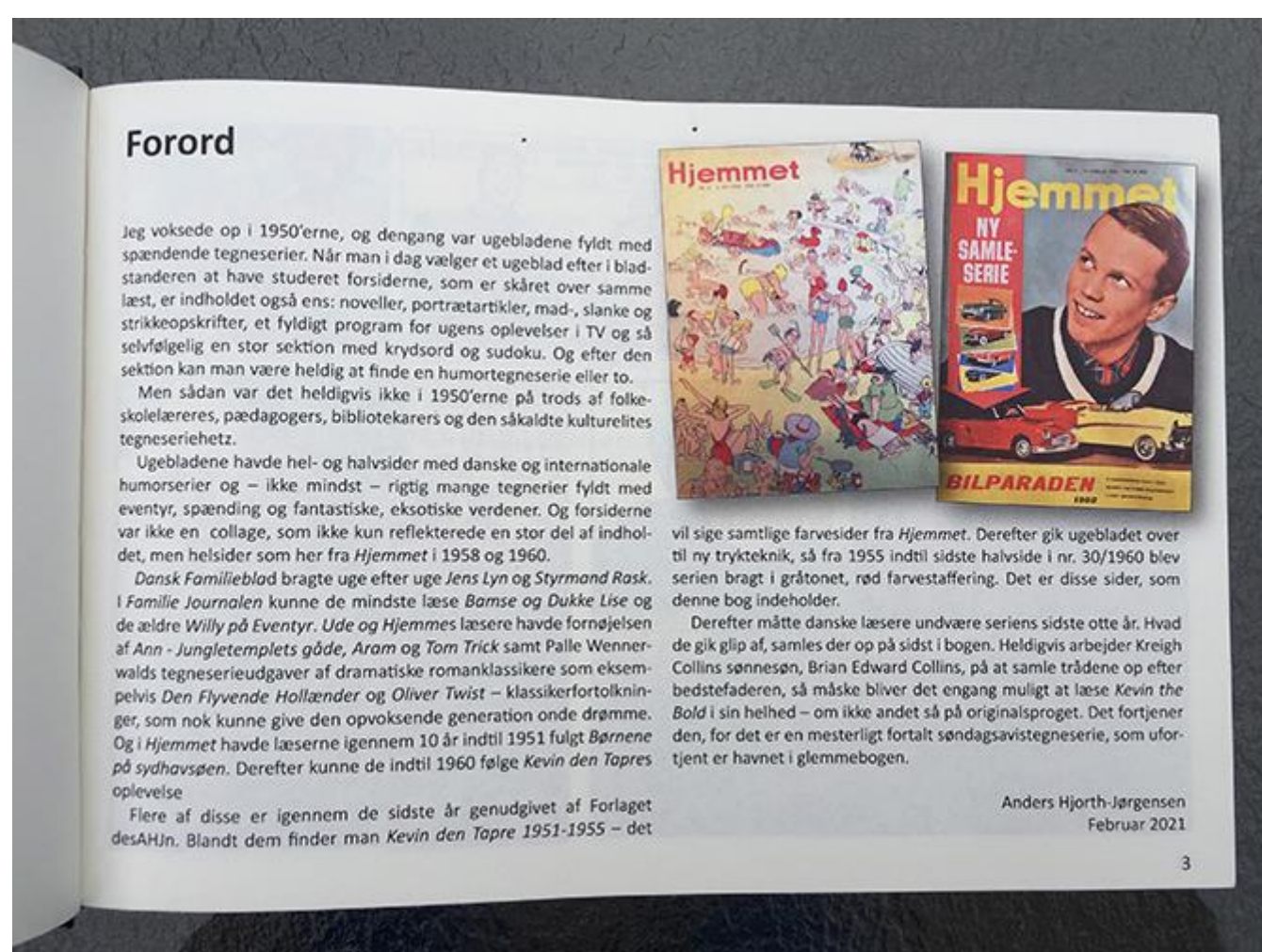
KREIGH's COMICS

KEVIN DEN TAPRE 1955-1960

The most recent addition to my comics compilation library is the massive, second volume of “Kevin den Tapre,” from publisher Anders Hjorth-Jørgensen and his company, Forlaget desAHJn. Like its companion volume, the comics were sourced from the Danish weekly magazine *Hjemmet*. From 1955-1960, *Hjemmet* ran the episodes in an interesting three-color scheme; the collection is available here.



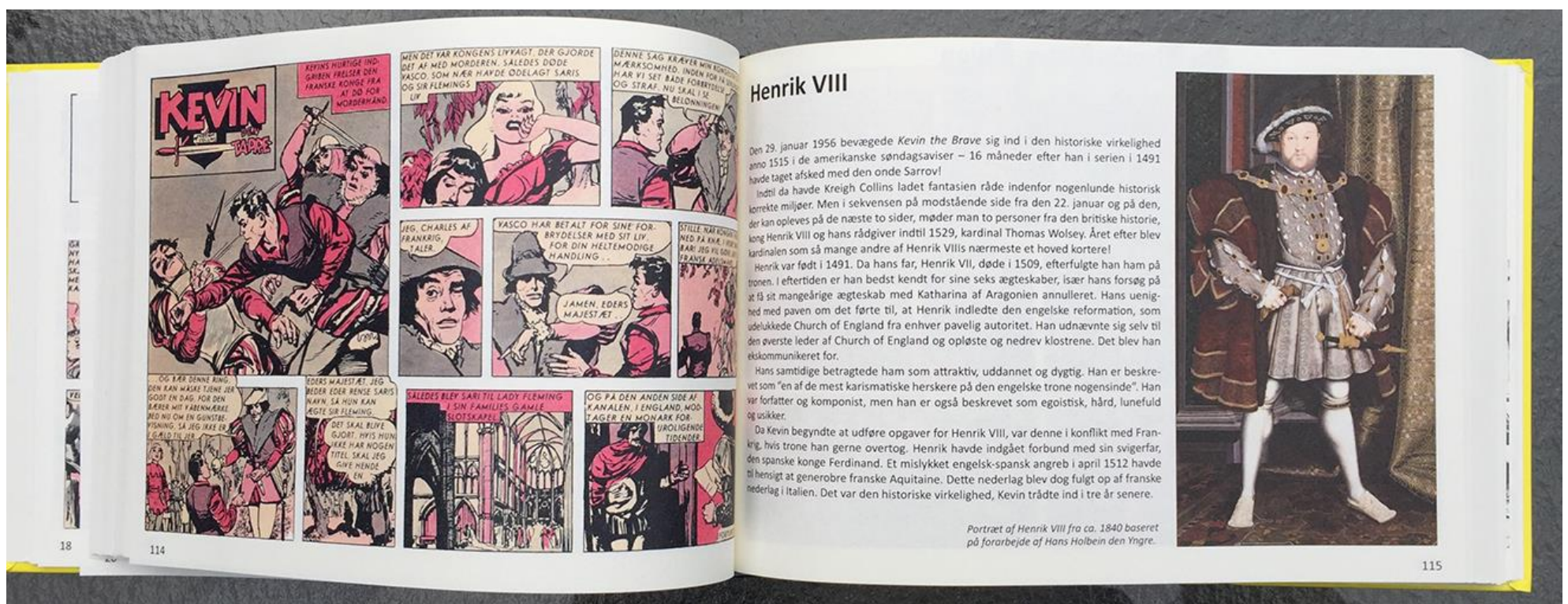
The book has an impressive front matter section highlighting various aspects of Kreigh Collins' heroic protagonist.





In many instances, the original, full-color episodes precede their corresponding three-color Danish versions for easy comparison. When King Henry VIII enters Kevin's world, a full-page sidebar offers some background of the English monarch. Considering the book's 218 Danish episodes, plus all the extras, it results in a rather hefty volume—364 pages in all.





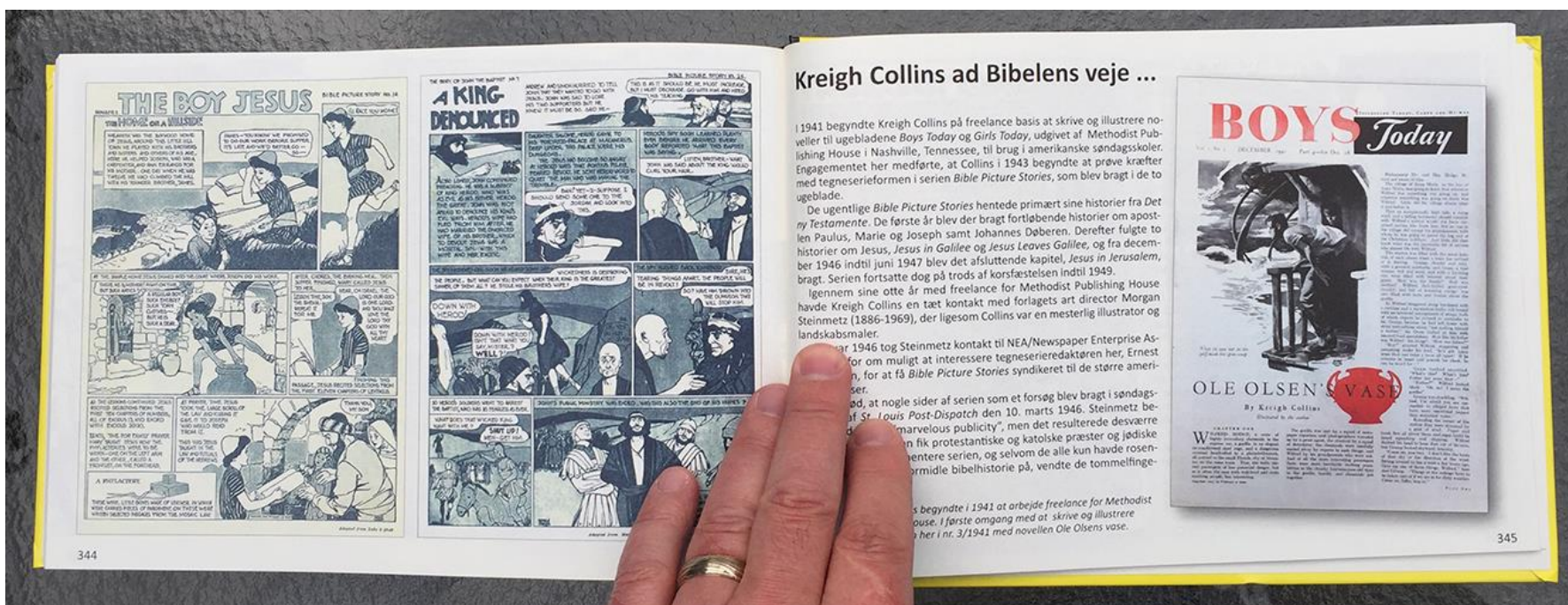
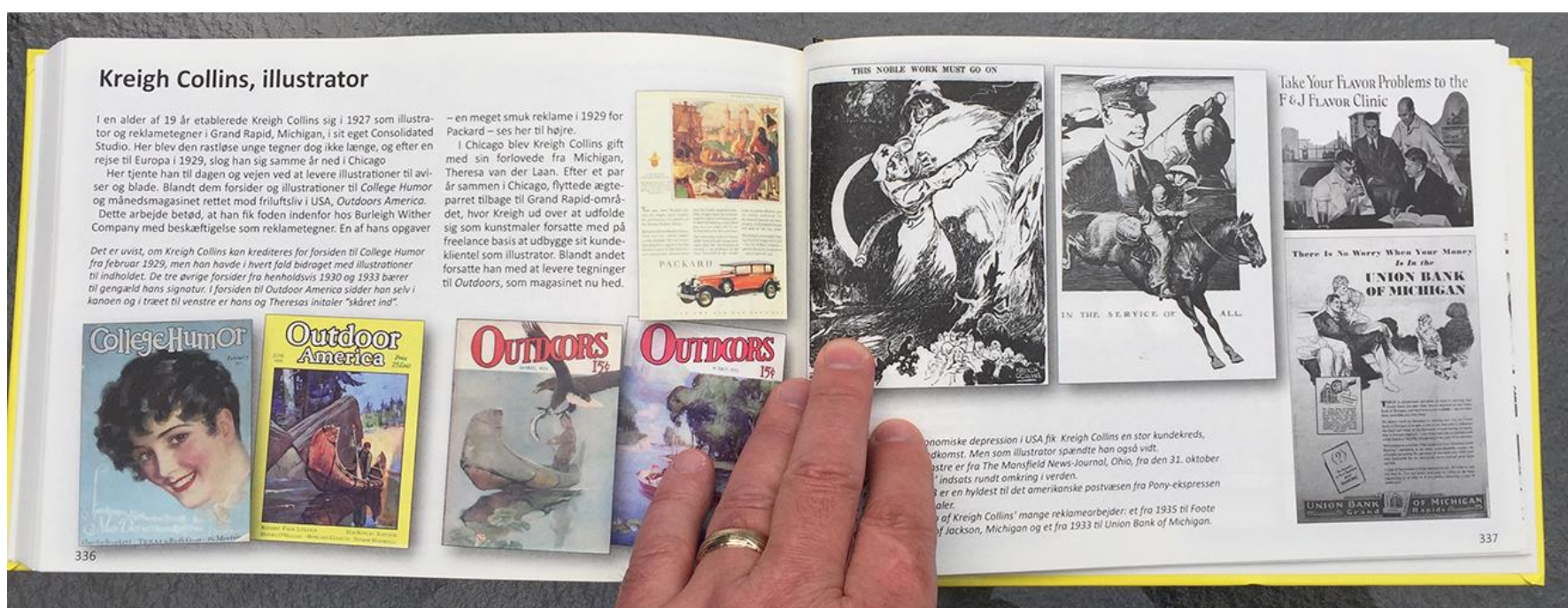
The spread on pages 156-157 shows a prime example of one of the lovely ladies my grandfather featured—Gertie reproduces nicely in any number of colors! And speaking of lovely ladies, if your preference runs toward more wholesome lasses, pages 300-301 and beyond feature Becky Makepeace, whose story just ran on this blog. (Speaking of which, this is post No. 300! Woo-hoo!).



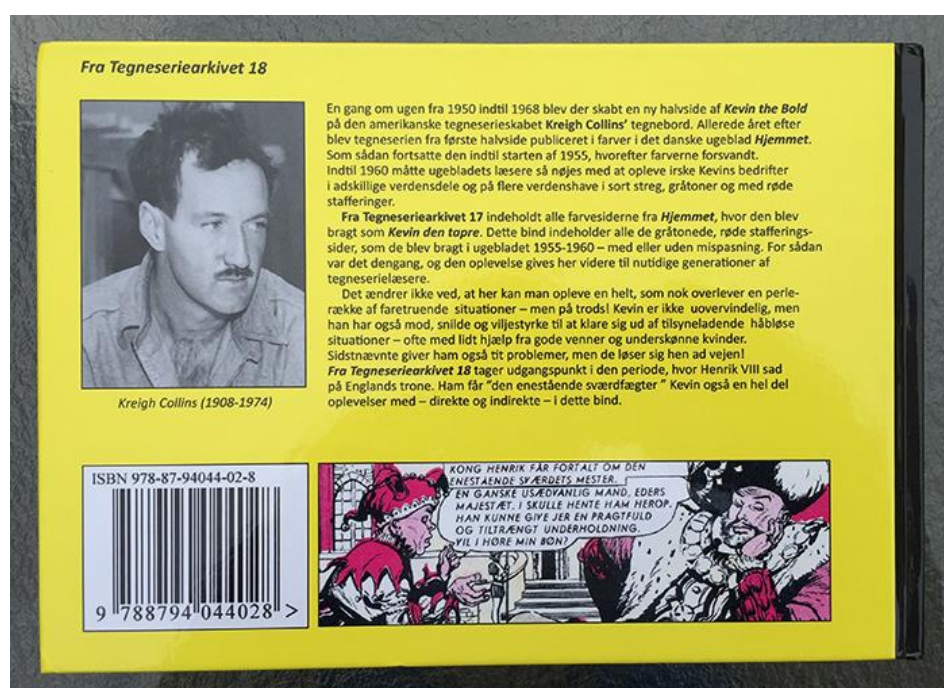
Following the complete run of three-color *Hjemmet* episodes, there is a lengthy section of back matter. It touches on some of Kevin's later adventures, including the transition to "Up Anchor!" and how "Kevin" was repackaged into comic books for numerous foreign markets.



Further spreads highlight Collins' pre-comics work as an illustrator, the start of his NEA comics career, and the Bible Stories Pictures he created in the mid-1940s for the Methodist Publishing House (among other subjects). The book is very thorough.



While reviewing the book gave my translation app quite a workout, certain words required no explanation, such as “Research,” a bibliography. I will vouch for the source material!



Danish Originals

While researching Kevin’s Danish incarnation, I came across an auction site with 30+ episodes of “Kevin den Tapre” listed, [check it out!](#) (Though I’m not sure if they do international shipping). These are the same episodes appearing in the Danish collections. All but one of the listings are for the full-color examples that appeared in [Volume 1](#).