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Saving Superman

A man finds two comics worth thousands in his walls.







Have you ever found a hidden treasure? David Gonzalez and his wife bought an abandoned house for \$10,100 in Elbow Lake, Minnesota. While tearing down a wall, Gonzalez uncovered a rare copy of *Action Comics #1*, the first Superman comic from 1938! It had been hidden for over 70 years. Last week, he sold it for \$175,000 — more than 17 times the price of the house!

In a surprise twist, on the day he sold it, the family discovered a second vintage comic in the walls. This one was the 1940 *Superman #4* issue, featuring the return of Lex Luthor. The comic is in two pieces so it is less valuable, but it may still be worth up to \$5,000.



Gonzalez, a father of four, told ABC News he won't spend all the new money. He plans to invest the money in his children's education. He also wants to donate \$10,000 to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. He *might* buy his dream car — a 1992 Chevrolet Camaro — but maybe not.

"I'll think about it," he says. "Man, my kids are going to need that money in the future."



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