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Ultimate Star Wars



Synopsis

This comprehensive and wonderfully-detailed encyclopedia explores the characters, creatures, locations, vehicles, technology, and more found throughout the entire Star Wars galaxy. Ultimate Star Wars is an in-depth visual guide that details storylines and players from the complete Star Wars galaxy, including Star Wars: The Clone Wars and Star Wars Rebels. Paste Magazine says, "You'll want to own this masterpiece." It's packed full of information about key characters from Luke Skywalker to Darth Maul, popular vehicles such as the Millennium Falcon, and all the important events that make up the Star Wars universe. Ultimate Star Wars is the ideal go-to resource for fans who wish to brush up on their Star Wars knowledge, and for a new generation of children eager to start their journey into a galaxy far, far away.... © & TM 2016 LUCASFILM LTD. Used Under Authorization.

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Ultimate Star Wars is a comprehensive, wonderfully detailed encyclopedia of the entire Star Wars galaxy that explores characters, creatures, locations, vehicles, technology, and more. Reflecting the saga's epic scope, Ultimate Star Wars is structured chronologically from Episode I: The Phantom Menace to Episode VI: Return of the Jedi, including Star Wars: The Clone Wars and Star Wars Rebels. This book also highlights key events from the saga and provides fascinating insights into the making of the Star Wars movies. Question to the authors: What is your favorite quote from the saga and why? Ryder Windham: "Sir, if any of my circuits or gears will help,

I'll gladly donate them. That's what See-Threepio tells Luke after Artoo-Detoo is damaged in the first Star Wars movie. I've organized many blood drives with the Star Wars costumer clubs, and I always mention that quote because it's a great example of someone giving selflessly to help another. And it genuinely helps encourage fans to give blood. Q: Was there anything that surprised you in working through the material for this book? Adam Bray: Star Wars is in the midst of a major transition, both in terms of what came before and what is coming in the future. Most surprising and gratifying was the level of freedom that Lucasfilm afforded us to frame the histories of each entry in the book. I think fans young and old alike will be excited to browse through the book and read a fresh take on the Star Wars universe. Characters and Creatures Locations Technology Vehicles A visually stunning, encyclopedic guide spanning the entire Star Wars galaxy.

Key Event: Training on Dagobah Compelled by Ben Kenobi's spirit to find a Jedi Master on Dagobah, Luke Skywalker begins his arduous Jedi training with Yoda. [View larger](#)

R2-D2 Never reluctant to risk his own destruction to help his allies, R2-D2 has a close association with the protocol droid C-3PO, with whom he has participated in numerous historic battles. [View larger](#)

Characters and Creatures Tauntaun: Rebel soldiers discover tauntauns living in ice caves while building Echo Base. Tauntauns are easily domesticated and used as pack animals. Well adapted for cold, they have thick scales and fur, and can slow their metabolism to survive Hoth's freezing nights. [View larger](#)

Vehicles Timeline In a dangerous and unpredictable galaxy, vehicles have defined the course of civilization. They have been used as the means of exploration, for transportation and entertainment, and as awesome weapons of war. [View larger](#)

"Chock full of pictures and trivia, this visual encyclopedia will delight Star Wars fans of all generations. If you love Star Wars, you'll want to own this masterpiece." [Paste Magazine](#)"Thanks to Ultimate Star Wars, DK's masterpiece of a visual encyclopedia, readers can now access the most comprehensive guide to the "galaxy far, far away" in Star Wars history." [Paste Magazine](#)"It is, as advertised, the Ultimate Star Wars resource." [Paste Magazine](#)

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[Sullivan County Democrat](#) "Ultimate Star Wars is easily the most comprehensive book to cover the six movies and two television series."

[JustJon.net](#) "This book is a (beyond) comprehensive encyclopedia of the entire Star Wars galaxy that details characters, technology, creatures and more."

[Windy City Times](#) "It was a monumental undertaking, and the book reflects a deep love for the subject" [a downright beautiful book](#)

[Every spread](#) "every page" [is filled with full-color photos that make casually flipping through the book an absolute pleasure.](#)" [GeekDad](#)

Ultimate Star Wars is a great book that will appeal of fans of all ages and interest levels. One of the authors, Ryder Windham, has worked on many great Star Wars books previously and does a great job compiling detailed information about the movies and their components. In his introduction, he begins with an interesting point: think of Ewoks, or Lobot, or the Slave I. These are never mentioned by name in the films, yet most casual fans are aware of them and know their names. That means they somehow absorbed that information from another source - perhaps the internet, a video game, a novel, an animated series, or maybe even an encyclopedia like this. The book is organized by topics - the first half of the book is Characters and Creatures, and then the second half of the book covers things like Locations, Technology, and Vehicles. Appearing at various points throughout the encyclopedia are "Key Events" (the Duel on Mustafar, Training on Dagobah, etc.) The book is full of detail... each major character gets a biography, important events which they were involved, and sometimes other tidbits of info such as their wardrobe, their weapons, etc. Important characters like Princess Leia and Obi-Wan Kenobi get a full 2-page spread, while smaller characters like Poggle the Lesser or Jek Porkins only get a fraction of a page. But its the inclusion of these small

characters and creatures (who may only be on screen for a few seconds) that make the encyclopedia useful and comprehensive. Each section also includes a "timeline" and a "behind the scenes". So for example, the section on vehicles will have a Vehicle Timeline that covers the major events in the saga involving ships and transports - the Boonta Eve podrace, the Battle of Yavin (which destroyed the Death Star), etc. Then there will be a behind the scenes page that shows an AT-AT miniature, an early TIE fighter and X-Wing concept sketch, etc. For those wondering what canon is used for the encyclopedia, it seems to be the six Star Wars films as well as the Clone Wars and Rebels TV series. In looking through the book, I could not find any included subjects that were strictly EU and did not appear in the films/animated series. I should also mention that the book includes a nice foreword by Anthony Daniels, who briefly discusses the complexity of the saga and admits that despite his involvement in the saga over 30 years even he doesn't know all the facts. Overall, this is a highly-recommended product. The casual Star Wars fan will likely learn a lot; and even the most die-hard fans should learn something obscure that they did not know before. For a high-res image gallery, visit my blog:

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Amazing, high quality, coffee table style book for the Star Wars fans in the house. My eight year old son received as a Christmas present and was in awe of this book. My husband immediately picked it up and loved it even more than the 8 yr old. Even my old kids were enthralled. The pictures and quality are simply amazing. It covers the vehicles, creatures, and other characters with interesting details as well as crisp and dramatic pictures. Everything you want to know about Star Wars!

The material is awesome especially for a Star Wars fan. My only complaint is the condition of the book...I purchased this book new and the cover has multiple dent marks and the binding is torn in the very back of the book. I would return the book if it wasn't such a hassle. Also, I wish there was a way to separate the cartoon stuff from the motion pictures...maybe there are books that separate the two but it seems that quite a few of them incorporate both. Not really a big deal but I do wish they were separate because I could care less about the cartoons.

Great book. It appears to be a combination of all the other books for the movies, locations and vehicles. Since it is a combination book it may not be in depth as a devoted visual guide for one

movie, the locations book or the vehicle books. At over 300 pages it has a lot of content. It includes the Clone Wars and the first season of Rebels, but doesn't include The Force Awakens.

I purchased this for my 10 yr old nephew who is obsessed with Star Wars, who isn't? The book is clearly written for everyone who enjoyed the classic movies. The book is just what it says it is, full of color pictures and information on all of the characters. I ordered the book used, but it looks new. I'm so glad I found this book in time for the new Star Wars movie debut and before Christmas. He's going to love it!

Our 6 year old son and 8 year old daughter got this book for Christmas and have been so enraptured by it that they are now Star Wars experts. The details and back stories and pictures are fantastic and have led to hours of imaginative play, comic book writing and unique Lego creations. Not only did this book enrich and back up the movies but it unlocked a whole universe of ideas and Star Wars entertainment. Basically it pushed our kids off the cliff of Star Wars obsession that they were teetering on. They are full blown fanatics now and know way more than we do about every character. Even our 4 year old who hasn't seen the movies has been hearing the book read to her so many times she can tell you Darth Vader's origin and family tree. I would have given it 5 stars FOR SURE if the binding hadn't broken and split. Super sad because it happened fast and the kids are disappointed.

This is a wonderful reference book! Whenever we come across a new ship we haven't seen, we look it up in this. Now I'm understanding where the cartoon series lands in the time line with the movies. There are wonderful descriptions of characters, places, battles, and ships. It does not include info from episode seven, but still a fabulous book!

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