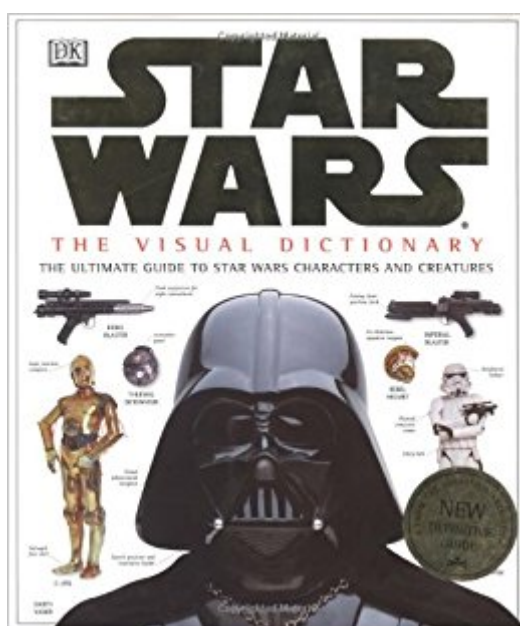


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The Visual Dictionary Of Star Wars, Episodes IV, V, & VI: The Ultimate Guide To Star Wars Characters And Creatures



Synopsis

Star Wars DK brings the fertile imagination of George Lucas to life with two in-depth books about the original movie trilogy. Produced under the aegis of Lucasfilms from Skywalker Ranch archives, the books feature new material and data on the characters and vehicles. Visual Dictionary, Equipment of the rebels and the Imperial Forces is shown up close and explained. Subtleties of rank, and previous battle experience is described in lucid text based on Lucasfilms background material.

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Customer Reviews

Watch the Star Wars trilogy enough times and you'll find yourself straining to catch all the little details. Not the subtle plot points (Darth is Luke's dad, check; Luke and Leia are brother and sister, check), but all the cool gear and gadgets that keep flashing in front of the camera. Like what are those pointy things on Boba Fett's kneepads? And what's with all that ammo on Chewie's bandolier? And does an Imperial Probe really need that many legs? Finally, we've got some answers. David West Reynolds, a boyish Ph.D. in archaeology who looks like he just rode in on the last Bantha, has catalogued the artifacts and inhabitants of the Star Wars universe with the same clinical thoroughness one typically reserves for studying Mesopotamia. His oversized, eye-pleasing picture book is packed with scrutinizing photos of actual props and characters from the movies, complete with systematic, scientific labels. And Reynolds's friendly, pseudo-academic style

seamlessly blends new information with old. (In the Sand People description, you can't help but hear Alec Guinness's voice when Reynolds reveals that "Sand People ride in single file to hide their numbers.") In a few instances, the book shines an embarrassing light on the movies (Max Rebo is clearly no alien lifeform, just a poofy, blue elephant muppet), but the countless close-ups of thermal detonators, imperial blasters, and gaffi sticks more than make up the difference. --Paul Hughes

Guaranteed to catapult Star Wars fans directly into intergalactic orbit, this pair of oversize picture books provide a galaxy full of details about the inner workings of George Lucas's mythical universe. Eschewing the standard "behind-the-scenes" look at the making of the movies, both books take a realistic, reference-like approach to the imaginary realm. Reynolds's forthright treatment helps to further meld fact and fiction: an archeologist, he notes that he views the world of Star Wars as "a culture from another time and place to explore." In glorious photographs, *Star Wars: The Visual Dictionary* spotlights each of the characters by turn, from the big three (Luke Skywalker, Princess Leia and Han Solo) to the next tier, including Obi-Wan Kenobi, Darth Vader, Chewbacca, C-3PO and R2-D2, as well as a vast supporting cast. Sidebars provide "back-stories" on many of the characters (Han Solo, for instance, was raised by space gypsies), and a close examination of clothing, weapons (including a cutaway view of Darth Vader's lightsaber) and equipment provides the answers to such questions as what does a Wookiee carry in his pouch. But novices be warned: Vader's true identity is also revealed in these pages. For *Star Wars: Incredible Cross-Sections*, Jenssen and Chasemore have created intricate drawings of the guts of such assorted craft as Solo's souped-up Millennium Falcon, the Empire's battle station Death Star (highlighted in a four-page gatefold), the gargantuan robotic quadruped At-At and Jabba the Hutt's sail barge. These two stellar guides (created with the support of Lucasfilm Ltd.) are sure to soar off the shelves. All ages. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

I owned this book in my younger years and spent a lot of time flipping through it. When my nephew started taking an interest in Star Wars, I had to get him a copy. He brought it the last few times he visited, and we ended up flipping through it. A bit of a trip down memory lane, and a nice book for Star Wars fans. Just note that it does only cover the original trilogy.

First I'd like to mention the very fast shipping from US to Eastern Europe. Packing was very good too. As for the book itself, it is really fantastic, a great read. In my opinion this hardcover book is a must for any Star Wars fan, reasonable price, great detailed photos and text.

Great Old School Star Wars Book

Great companion novel

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If you like star wars, especially the original three, this is a must buy. Ever curious as to what the inside of a storm troopers helmet looked like? Well look no further, this book gives you the inside information on almost every major character in the series including very minor ones like the band that plays in the cantina and the IG-88 droid. Do buy.

great book. very informative and my son still keeps this one on the book shelf and pulls it off to look at from time to time.

If I could limit my review to under 5 words I would say: It's Star Wars people, but since I need at least 20 words. Love the images, the summary of information on the characters, and hello... Luke Skywalker. I love the original trilogy, which is why I purchased this one along with the character encyclopedia(which covers both trilogies). I also hear R2-D2 and C3PO are big fans of this book :)

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