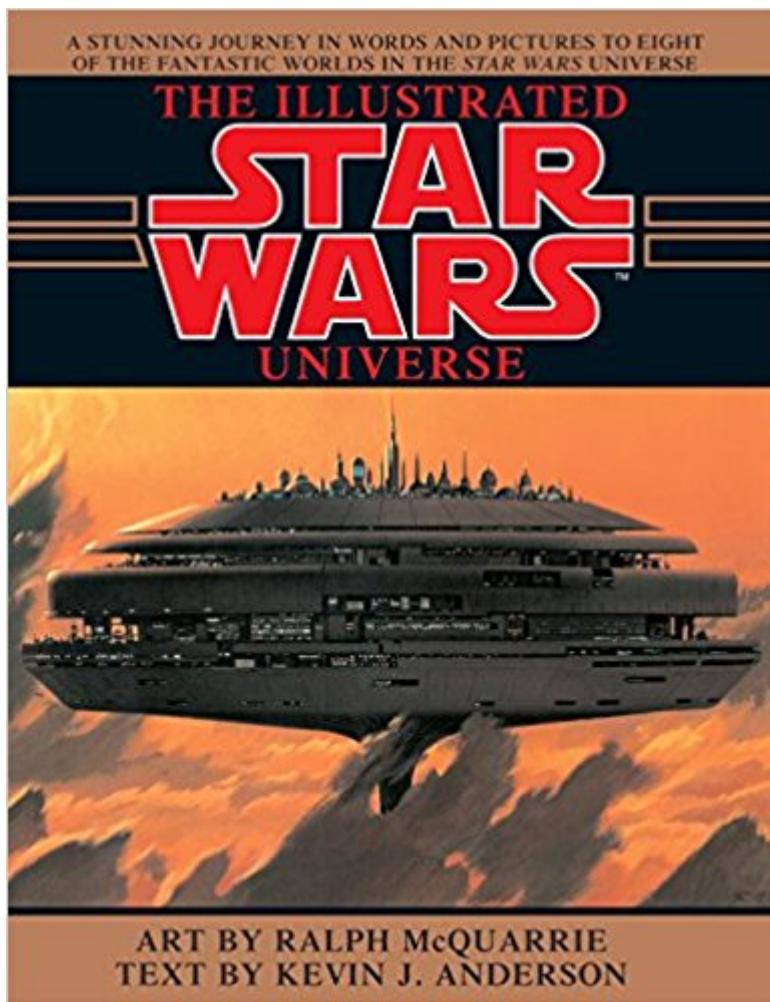


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My son LOVES all things Star Wars (among other movies franchises) I get depressed buying LEGOS and toy type gifts for Christmas birthdays etc...since I know in the long run the pieces will be lost and ultimately most will be sold for pennies on the dollar at a garage sale. I love the nice coffee table books that Lucas has added. They are beautifully photographed and well done in terms of content...He loves to look through (and read!!) the books and in 20 years he will still have them to set out on his coffee table...a memory of childhood without looking like a complete toy geek! hahah...if you like this check out STAR WARS YEAR BY YEAR A VISUAL CHRONICLE...(my newest purchase for him which is in hiding til Christmas) this is the ULTIMATE fan book(I'd give it 5 stars)...it takes you from the making of the movies and includes everything EVERY actor did after Star Wars year by year,, toys marketed and years they came out...so if you collect toys you can search the book and find just about every piece of marketing every produced related to the franchise. The Illustrated Star Wars Universe is a great book overall...but if you are only buying one...get the year by year visual chronicle:)

The art by Ralph McQuarrie is brilliant and includes works new for this book as well as some classic original trilogy concept paintings. Surprisingly, the writing keeps pace with the visual elements. Stories of the principal planets from the original trilogy (Tatooine, Hoth, Dagobah, Bespin, Coruscant, and Alderaan) are told from the perspective of explorers, rebels, Imperials, and war protesters and I have been entertained during multiple readings of this book.

The Illustrated Star Wars book seems to be dominated by "Empire" and "Return" art. There are just not enough paintings and designs from Star Wars, Episode IV, proper. I like the other movies' production art but it's obvious that once Star Wars was a hit Lucas could afford much higher quality production paintings. By the eighties gone were the clunky 70s-inspired paintings. But more glossy, clean, highly detailed production art can be a bit one-note. I was hoping for more of that late-seventies look that made the first Star Wars movie, and its design, so unique.

My parents were silly and sold my childhood books. Now I got my childhood back. This book really is a gem, and the seller delivered exactly as promised!

Amazing piece to add to any star wars collection!

In my opinion, as a writer/artist myself, this is one of the best Star Wars art books for all who love traditional illustration. Whether you're a graphic novel artist or just a Star wars fan, I highly recommend this book for your collection. The artwork and the majestic visualization skill is simply breathtaking. It also includes sketches, studies, roughs... besides the great writing around it, which explaining everything else. I give it 5 out 5 stars because it is priceless!

Got this book for my boyfriend, he loved it!

I Like Editors, but sometimes even more subject matter would help. I wanted more worlds covered.

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