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**The official behind-the-scenes companion guide to the first two seasons of *Stranger Things* and beyond, featuring exclusive color photos and stunning concept art.**

**Note: This book has been designed to mimic a used book. The marks, scuffs, and tears on the cover and pages are an intentional design element.**

*Stranger things have happened. . . .*

When the first season of *Stranger Things* debuted on Netflix in the summer of 2016, the show struck a nerve with millions of viewers worldwide and received broad critical acclaim. The series has gone on to win six Emmy Awards, but its success was driven more than anything by word of mouth, resonating across generations. Viewers feel personal connections to the characters. Now fans can immerse themselves in the world—or worlds—of Hawkins, Indiana, like never before. Inside you'll find

- original commentary and a foreword from creators Matt and Ross Duffer
- exclusive interviews with the stars of the show, including Millie Bobby Brown, Finn Wolfhard, and David Harbour
- the show's earliest drafts, pitches to Netflix, and casting calls
- insights into the Duffers' creative process from the entire crew—from costume and set designers to composers and visual-effects specialists
- deep dives into the cultural artifacts and references that inspired the look and feel of the show
- a map of everyday Hawkins—with clues charting the network of the Upside Down
- the Morse code disk Eleven uses, so you can decipher secret messages embedded throughout the text
- a look into the future of the series—including a sneak preview of season three!

Adding whole new layers to enrich the viewing experience, this keepsake is essential reading for anyone and everyone who loves *Stranger Things*.

## Stranger Things: Worlds Turned Upside Down: The Official Behind-the-Scenes Companion Details

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# From Reader Review *Stranger Things: Worlds Turned Upside Down: The Official Behind-the-Scenes Companion* for online ebook

## Rachael says

This was just amazing! *Stranger Things* is my favorite show of all time and I am always buying merch to support the fandom. I have just about every Funko POP. I have some board games and even some T-shirts. So, of course, when a book is released I HAVE to get it. This behind-the-scenes companion gave us so many details in what goes on during the filming of *Stranger Things*. We get to see how they made the van soar over the kids while on their bikes (which they used an actual van). They also go into detail on how the underground tunnels were made for the show. They are not your typical CGI. The Demogorgon was a man in a costume, also not CGI. It just blew my mind how authentic the Duffer Brothers wanted to make this show and they delivered tremendously. I have never been interested in how film is made, though I love movies and TV shows, but I would re-read this book over and over. This is a must for all *Stranger Things* fans!

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## Sabrina says

"Denn diese Welt braucht mehr Geschichtenerzähler. Sie braucht mehr Träumer. Und, ja, sie braucht mehr Nerds."

Couldn't agree more with the Duffer brothers.

Perfektes Buch für jeden *Stranger Things* Fan und definitiv jeden Cent wert. Wunderschöne Fotos, haufenweise Hintergrundinformation und Liebe zum Detail.

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## Christy says

I don't often read behind the scenes books but this was SO FUN

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## Ashley Daviau says

This is an absolute must read for ANY and every *Stranger Things* fan out there. I'm obsessed with this show and getting an inside look at how it all came together was such a treat! And seeing all the work and sweat that went into it makes me love the show even more, it truly is a labour of love. I really enjoyed getting to know more about the actors and how the characters were shaped around what the actors brought to the table. I think that's a big part of what makes this show so great, you can just feel that they put so much of themselves into their roles. I also really enjoyed the bits that showed the inspiration behind the show, you can really see how it influences the show. I could go on and on but honestly, go buy it and read it yourself, it's absolutely 100% worth it!

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## **Halim says**

Wow! I own hundreds and hundreds of books but this is by far the coolest book own. The whole book was an art piece by itself. From it's torn vintage cover to its hyper-realistic photos to its faded yellow pages, everything about this book was well thought out. Every chapter had its own unique style and font, it was pure pleasure looking through this book...

This was also a very easy and fun read...Article sections very short but very informative. And the behind-the-scenes photos from the show's set were pretty great as well.

If you are a Stranger Things fan or an art-book collector, you **MUST** certainly get this book!

My rating: 6 Stars out of 5.

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## **Mandie (Naughty Book Snitch) says**

BUY THE BOOK

I love the show and I love this book. My friends got me this book for my birthday and it didnt disappoint. Its fantastic. I really love the old, tattered and worn look of the book and all the extras it has with it. Such as Will's drawing of the Shadow Monster as part of the inside cover.

There is also a map of Hawkins and a Morse code pocket guide and of course a plethora of behind the scenes and insight to the entire show and characters.

If you decide to buy this, I recommend buying the actual book. It offers so much more than you could get in the ebook.

BUY THE BOOK

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## **Melissa ♥ Dog/Wolf Lover ♥ Martin says**

This book is fanfreakingtastic! Will add pictures, etc. later on

Happy Reading!

Mel ????

Well here's some pics!

The front cover vet is sooo cool as Stranger Things do. The cover looks old and even has a used book sticker! I love it!

They even have an upside down section!

The rest of the pictures are just some random coolness, a map and a drawing on the inside cover page. They have plastic around it a library book too.

Highly recommend peeps ?????

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## **Annie says**

Wer schon mal eine Handvoll Artikel zur Serie gelesen hat, wird hier wenig Neues finden.

Trotzdem ist das Buch sein Geld wert - liebevoll gestaltet, künstlich gealtert mit Schutzumschlag über dem vorgeblich kaputten Schutzumschlag, einer Karte von Hawkins, einem herauslösbarem Kärtchen mit Morse- und Fähnchen Code.

Ich kann mir aber vorstellen, dass Leute, die jünger sind als ich, mehr Freude an diesem Buch haben werden - weil es für diese tatsächlich etwas Neues zu entdecken gibt.

Für mich sind die Filmzitate, die Musikerläuterungen und Fußnoten eher überflüssig - und das obwohl ich mich im Gegensatz zu Filmnärinnen wie Frau Blücher und Nicola eher als Anfänger (wenn überhaupt) begreife - selbst ICH habe die Referenzen dieser Serie beim ersten Sehen begriffen und gefeiert. Insofern - nicht viel Neues gelernt. Für Leute mit Nachholbedarf ist es aber uneingeschränkt empfehlenswert - zumal sie vielleicht dadurch mal vernünftiges Zeug kennenlernen und nicht den Auswurf an Popkultur, den sie uns heute servieren.

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### ?????? says

The Best Best Best Story everrrr! ??

I have watched the TV Show for like 5 times.

I'm so into watching and reading about telekinetic abilities.

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### Phil says

This book deserves at least one star simply for its aesthetic: faux-distressed, stickered by "Melvald's General Store in Hawkins, IN, and full-page, full-color pictures. Beyond that, it fails to capture the substance of the show. It reads like a poorly written Entertainment Weekly article, or as a thin defense against allegations of plagiarism by the Duffer Brothers, but it's fun, especially the quotes from the show's five young stars. (And I love Winona Ryder too.) The Epilogue is a short sneak peek at Season 3 (I can't wait until summer 2019 - I could be trapped in the Upside Down by then!)

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### Hope (HopelessBookAddict) says

Loved this. It was a great book for any lover of Stranger Things like me!

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### Anthony Rapino says

The presentation of this book is fantastic. It was a pleasure to peruse, exploring the many glossy photos and inserts (not to mention surprises). While this book acts as a companion to the show, I did find much of the information within its pages a bit basic. A significant number of passages (scattered throughout the text) are dedicated to summarizing episodes or scenes, which anyone reading this book would have no doubt viewed at least once. Similarly, many of the footnotes are simplistic or point out connections that are fairly obvious (Did we need a footnote to explain what a perm is?).

Still, there are enough revelations here to make for an interesting read, and the presentation of the book really lifts it to new heights of enjoyment. I'd highly recommend this to any fan, as long as they note the text doesn't bother to dig very deep, but provides an entertaining presentation nonetheless.

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### Audra (ouija.doodle.reads) says

As a fan of *Stranger Things* (I'm probably not a level-crazy fan, but I do own an Eleven Funko, several t-shirts that I wear in my weekly rotation, and I dressed my dog as a Demogorgon for Halloween), I think this book is a must-own.

I mean, just look at it.

It is one of those books I put in a category called, The Argument for Buying Real Books. Super amazing dustjacket designed to look like a vintage book you'd find secondhand, complete with a sticker from the general store in Hawkins. Full four-color interior with great photos of the cast, behind-the-scenes shots, an intricate design that goes with the themes of the show (there's even an upside-down section!), and even a decoder and secret codes all over the pages! Yeah, it's good.

I enjoyed reading through it. It even got me psyched to re-watch season one—which of course I binged over a weekend. Gosh, it's hard to stop watching this show! Why is it so good?

If you are a super-fan, the contents of this book probably doesn't have a lot of new information to offer you. I most enjoyed the first section that goes through the initial conception of the project (no one wanted to buy it!) and how the Duffer Brothers began as students of film and how their careers brought them to *Stranger Things*.

The details on the second season are especially thin. It mostly does some brief plot synopsis and inserts some parts of interviews with the actors. I really would have liked to know more information about the behind the scenes stuff, especially since so much of ST is done without a green screen.

There is a short section with a few details of what is to come for season three, so if you are just itching for any and all news, you'll probably need to give it a read. Overall, this is a fun book and will make a great Christmas present for fans!

My thanks to Random House and Del Rey for sending me a copy of this one to read and review.

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### **Annika says**

I'm not just a Stranger Things fan; the show is my life. From the synth scores to the retro vibe to the amazing actors, these entire two seasons are a fucking masterpiece. This book deserves 1176392374 stars for the layout and design, let alone the way it's written. If it wasn't such a big, chunky hardback, I would've slept with this under my pillow every night.

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### **Lisa says**

Full review at Tenacious Reader: <http://www.tenaciousreader.com/2018/1...>

This is a book that just made me smile the minute I received it and any time I would pick it up after that. The entire book is so incredibly retro, straight down to the worn look, complete with plastic protector to prevent further damage. I mean, even the FAIR condition sticker from Melvad's General Store on the front brings me joy. This is just one tiny example of the details they put in to this book that make it transport you to a different time and place. And if I was this excited about just the outside of the book, I knew I would love what the inside had to offer as well.

Heh ... even just the inside of the dust jacket is awesome!

The book contains much of what you would expect, including a foreword by Matt and Ross Duffer,



interviews with the cast, explanations about the decisions and thought process that went into pretty much every detail of the show, from house selection and furnishings, to costumes and location. I enjoyed reading about how nervous everyone was about the initial filming, about how the boys just clicked and what scenes were more of a challenge for the new actors. It was an interesting way to revisit the show that I love so much, letting me recall details by getting a completely different perspective of show.

So, if reading the behind the scenes details of the show isn't quite enough, they have also included secret messages, which can be discovered and deciphered using the included Morse code disc. And yes, I did decode messages I found in the book, though I haven't quite figured out what the decoded messages mean. Regardless, it was fun to hunt and decode. It's a nice touch to add a bit of a quest or treasure hunt for us to make the book a bit more interactive rather than just all behind the scenes and background information.

As we are all anxiously awaiting season three, it was a thrill to revisit details from the first two seasons and the interviews and behind the scenes information really added to that experience. However, I have to confess the visual aspect of the book, including the styling and photos, were probably my favorite aspect of the book.

Over all I love that this is the type of book I can flip through and read bits and pieces as I have time, I can focus on a character or a place or whatever strikes my fancy at the moment. So I definitely find it interesting beyond just the visual (as much as I love it). It is a book that guests can ohh and ahh over as they get the experience of exploring the Stranger Things world because what really makes the book shine is the overall style, all the retro details and the photos. The rest is just an added bonus.

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