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In true DK style, "LEGO(R) Star Wars(TM) The Visual Dictionary" elucidates, illuminates, and excites even the most discerning LEGO Group, Star Wars(TM), and minifigure fans around the world. Darth Vader, Boba Fett, Yoda, Luke Skywalker, and more are brought to life with dozens of little-known facts and hundreds of photos, as are accessories, vehicles, weapons, and even the Death Star. Learn about the history, manufacture, and construction of the minifigures of the "Star Wars" galaxy, and come away a LEGO(R) Jedi Master.

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Andrew says

Ok who does not have fond memories of Lego (ok apart from that time you stood on some, boy is that painful)

Anyway my love of Lego is no secret and goes back to being a very young boy (yes Lego is that old - look it up), and my grandmother buying me kits for when I was on holiday. Then as I grew up out came the star wars films and I remember many an hour trying to recreate the ships from the films in those coloured building blocks.

Then years late a deal was struck and out came the first of many, many licensed kits from the film. Now I would love to be able to admit I have the kits but really you need to have a small fortune to be able to do that these days (plus I need to wall space for book cases)

But my love of Lego and especially Star Wars Lego lives on and this book is a positive treasure trove of kits and information, it is fascinating and I dont care what target age group it is I love it. Problem now is I want to go build something!

Kbord says

If you are a Lego Star Wars collector, you probably bought the book for the Luke Skywalker inside the front cover, or to help you find old sets to buy. If all you want is the minifigure, it's a steep price to pay, even if the book is relatively cheap. If you are not a fan of Star Wars or Legos, then this is a mere curiosity book.

The book has a timeline of all Lego sets from 1999 through 2010, which had originally been the end-date of Lego Star Wars production. Now that Lego Star Wars has been extended, the book will be incomplete. The timeline is well organized: each set is arranged by year of production and which part of the Star Wars universe it fits into (which movie, expanded universe, Clone Wars cartoon).

Some sets are shown in large detail, others a bit smaller.

Hugo B says

I like this book because I like Lego. Kids who like Lego and Star Wars will like this book.

Nima Nikopour says

Beautifully written... this cured my illiteracy

Mellissa says

Reading a condensed version of this to Josiah. DROID SOCKET.

Sweet on Books says

- * This is a terrifically comprehensive book on the subject of Star Wars lego.
 - * My six year old son is obsessed with this book, poring over the pages himself and asking for it to be read to him constantly.
 - * It is a cool book with a ton of information on Star Wars and Star Wars Lego "guys", another obsession in my house.
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This book is positively captivating my young Star Wars fan - he literally can't get enough of it. The title is very apt, LEGO Star Wars: The Visual Dictionary is just that, a visual catalog of Lego Star Wars sets with movie-accurate details filling up every page.

While this compendium is set up very logically for a Star Wars aficionado, I must confess it is all greek to me. My six year old suffers my ignorance as he tries, again and again, to explain it all to me. But I can tell you that the book is visually a feast, with photographs of the Star Wars Lego sets dating back to 1999; it is so tantalizing that said six year old begs for the \$1000 Millennium Falcon Lego set that, at this point, can only be obtained on eBay. This is the perfect gift book for the Star wars fan and reluctant reader. As we say time and time again, text is text, no matter what the source. So, if you are pulling your hair out to get your young reader to pick up a book and Star Wars interests him, grab this book! Oh, and possibly most important, it comes with a Lego minifigure!

Nicholas Carabillò says

this book is for people who love lego star wars sets and for kid to learn about how were sets like in the past. what's also great about this book is that it comes with a limited edition luke skywalker minifigure.

Parka says

(More pictures at parkablogs.com)

Here's a great book for all those LEGO Star Wars collectors out there. LEGO Star Wars: The Visual Dictionary also comes with an exclusive mini-figure of Luke Skywalker. It's quite thick but actually half the book behind the cover is a pad created to house that small figure. Not really a major issue.

There's a timeline that shows all the LEGO Star Wars sets, the boxes, from 1999 to 2009, which includes the movie saga, Clone Wars and specialist sets. It should delight the geek out of fans to see the LEGO

incarnation of everything (I think). There are a lot of bricks, from characters like the small Yoda (whose captioned to have sensitive ears) to the mammoth 5195-piece Millennium Falcon with 5195 pieces. Awesome.

Every set is provided with their data file and captioned.

I've read from other reviews which say that not all the accessories are included, whatever that means. From what I see, there are plenty included, enough for you to shoot your own LEGO Star Wars movie anyway.

There's also a short interview with the designers of the series. You can read about how they create prototypes and bake the clay. It sounds really interesting to be working for LEGO. There are only between 4 to 7 designers and their desks are filled with countless LEGO bricks.

Some unofficial community constructions are also included, such as the life-size LEGO sculpture of Han Solo in carbonite or Mos Eisley diorama. Very nice. Talk about hard core fans!

This book is recommended to Star Wars fans, even if you don't collect LEGO sets.

Andrew Bulthaupt says

The Visual Dictionary is quite the volume. It's a very comprehensive listing of all the LEGO Star Wars sets and minifigures from 1999 to 2009. Being that it's now 2013, it's obviously a little out of date, but keeping when it was released in mind it's really quite fantastic.

There's lots of beautiful full-color illustrations to show off the sets, especially how much better they got over a decade. Comparing the 1999 X-Wing set to the 2006 one is just night and day. There's lots of text callouts and blurbs about Star Wars and the sets as well. Some of them are silly and others seem downright inaccurate, so I'd be careful about believing everything you read.

My favorite parts were probably the designer interview and the community showcase. The former took a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to make the LEGO Star Wars sets and is very insightful. The latter looks at some of the awesome things fans have done with their own bricks to celebrate Star Wars. I wish there was more of both in there!

This book definitely seems targeted at kids, so if you have a little Star Wars LEGO fan in your home - pick this up for them; they'll love it! Even adult fans like myself will enjoy having it on their bookcase, though it's certainly not a must-buy.

Gabriel Hughes says

When I first got this book, I was in awe. There are so many Star Wars sets that I never knew existed. Then after a few months I realized that this book is a really good way to get yourself to want to spend more money than you have on discontinued LEGO sets. I was a little disappointed, and didn't open it very much.

Now that a year has passed since receiving this book, I am super excited about it again. It's fun to compare

new LEGO Star Wars sets with their older iterations and see how some of the techniques have changed, as well as what new pieces have been created that weren't in the old sets.

The final chapter gives a small glimpse of designing LEGO Star Wars sets behind the scenes. It's alright, but it's not as fun as looking at all the pictures.

Overall, excellent book. I highly recommend it to LEGO fans and collectors (not least of all because it includes an exclusive Luke Skywalker minifigure).

Nikki says

not an ideal readaloud but fun to skim

Graham Maclean says

Absolutely no plot

d followedby c says

I love Lego, really I buy these particular versions for the Limited Edition Lego Mini's - the books are good for a quick flick through.

Emma says

This book is amazing. It gives an awesome description of each set and a list of every Lego Star Wars minifig at the time of writing. This book also includes a remake of the first Luke Skywalker minifig. It makes a great companion to the Lego Star Wars minifig guide.

Cale says

'So it's a catalog, see, but we don't list the prices, and we do list things people can't buy, just so they know what they missed. Oh, and then include an exclusive figure so the collectors feel compelled to buy it.' - My impressions of the mindset behind building this book.

Actually, it's not so bad. This collection of Lego Star Wars sets has impressive artwork of most of the sets that were released in the Lego Star Wars brand between 1999 and 2009. And the information provided is a weird cross between super-detailed Star Wars marginalia (Do you know what kind of anti-infantry battery was used by Echo Base on Hoth? Per this book, it was a DF9), and super-detailed Lego details (like a description of the variations between the 4 different Hoth soldiers that have been released, including skin tone and shape of goggles). If you're a Star Wars Lego fanatic, you'll be blown away by the detail. For the rest of us, it's just a nice coffee table book full of pictures of Lego designs with too much information.

