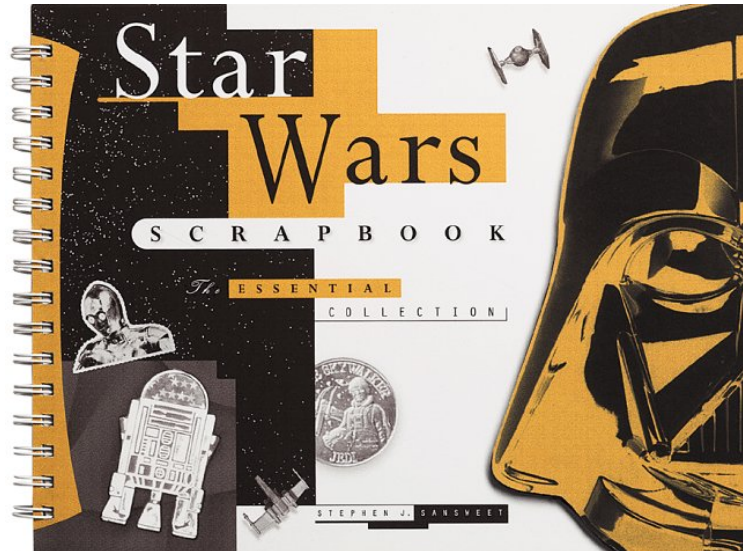


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Imagine you've been a Star Wars fan from the very beginning. Way back in 77, you started collecting everything from Star Wars gum wrappers to now-priceless relics like the original preview questionnaire. Even better, you had access to special screenings, actual film sets, and all the behind-the-scenes parties. You'd be just like Stephen Sansweet, the world's foremost Star Wars collector. In this magnificent scrapbook, Sansweet has carefully selected and arranged the best of his unparalleled collection, authentically reproduced right down to the bristles on the Luke Skywalker toothbrush. Here are Yoda Christmas cards painted by Ralph McQuarrie himself, early prototypes of logos, invitations still in their envelopes, cutout figures, press releases, stickers, patches, trading cards, press photos, and much, much more. Including Sansweet's anecdotes of the early days and featuring treasures from around the world, this is the ultimate Star Wars collectible. ??To the Official Star Wars Web Site??Check out other Star Wars titles published by Chronicle Books!?

.com "You're a collector, all right, a dust collector!" said young Stephen Sansweet's mom, bemused by his horde of spaceship models. We wonder what she thinks of adult Stephen's vast, comprehensive, and... well, obsessive Star Wars memorabilia collection. Chronicle Books has teamed up with Sansweet (creator of the incredible Star Wars Encyclopedia) to give the rest of us a thrill: our own Star Wars stuff, gathered tidily in a sturdy, spiral-bound package.

Darth Vader's ominous helmet opens to reveal page after page of reproductions of everything from fan-club newsletters and ticket stubs to your own real stickers and punch-out cards. Why Star Wars? Sansweet explains in the introduction that it "literally changed my life, and I'm far from alone." He sees this collection as a way to share the fruits of his passion with less lucky fans around the world. And really, it's kind of nice to let him buy 50 bags of chips in search of unique Star Wars prizes inside. You'll feel as if you're being shown around a truly unique museum by a slightly wacky but really enjoyable friend. --Therese Littleton s from: Entertainment Weekly Collector's Showcase After Star Wars hit big, Francis Ford Coppola told George Lucas he should start a new religion based on the Force. Of course, that never happened or did it? Behold the all-consuming brand of secular worship that flows through this immaculately produced keepsake album. Bound with a metal spiral like your old grade-school notebooks, it lavishes exquisite care in reproducing the silliest of ephemeral memorabilia: tickets to the "premiere" of the Disneyland Star Tours Ride, a Wall's ice cream wrapper stamped with Darth Vader's puss ("contains: sugar," says the ironic ingredients list), a paper-cutout C-3PO mask, and so on. It's charming, but creepy, and if Jedi Knights existed, they'd probably rank it alongside winking-Jesus 3-D postcards in the annals of misguided relics of adoration. [In the] Star Wars Scrapbook, Stephen Sansweet has carefully selected the best of his unparalleled collection and meticulously reproduces every item, right down to the bristles on the Luke Skywalker toothbrush. Included in this cleverly designed volume are Yoda Christmas cards painted by Ralph McQuarrie, early prototypes of logos, invitations still in their envelopes, cutout figures, press releases, stickers, patches, trading cards, press photos and much, much more. Sansweet's anecdotes and a "Star Wars Trilogy Timeline," covering major events from 1973 to 1997, complement the images. With reproductions of rare treasures from around the world, this book is the ultimate Star Wars collectible.

The 84-page spiral-bound book will include 150 color images, a die-cut cover, inserts, stickers and a punch-out X-wing fighter. About the Author Stephen J. Sansweet has one of the world's largest and most complete private collections of Star Wars collectibles. The former Los Angeles Bureau Chief of the Wall Street Journal, Sansweet is the author of two other books, including a photo guidebook to science fiction toys and models. He has been collecting space toys for over 20 years and has specialized in Star Wars memorabilia since the movie's release. Sansweet is presently Lucasfilm's Director of Specialty Marketing. Check out Chronicle's