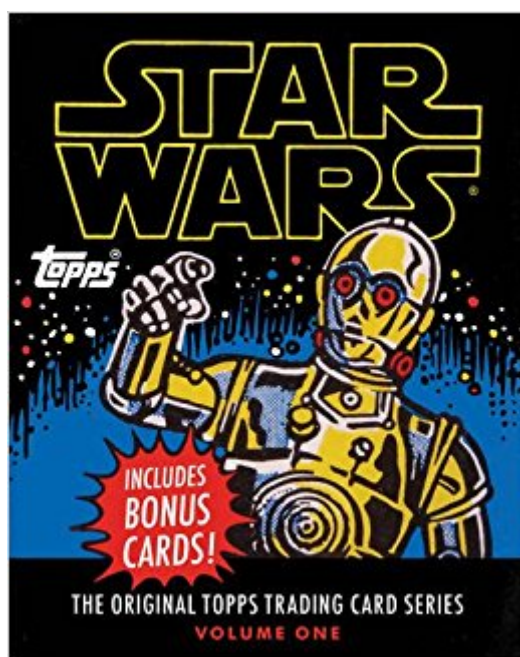




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Star Wars: The Original Topps Trading Card Series, Volume One (Topps Star Wars)



Synopsis

Star Wars™ is the original trading card series from Topps first published in 1977 and 1978. It is reprinted here in its entirety for the first time, featuring all five sets of collectible cards and stickers. This deluxe compilation includes the fronts and backs of all 330 cards and 55 stickers (originally sold one per pack), including movie facts, story summaries, actor profiles, and puzzle cards featuring all your favorite characters and scenes from the very first Star Wars movie. Also features four bonus trading cards, as well as an introduction and commentary by Gary Gerani, the original editor of the Star Wars Topps series. A special afterword by Robert V. Conte spotlights the rare Star Wars Wonder Bread trading cards, also reprinted for the first time. Images courtesy of the Robert V. Conte Collection. Also available from Topps: Star Wars: Return of the Jedi, Volume Three; Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back, The Original Topps Trading Card Series, Volume Two; and Star Wars Galaxy: The Original Topps Trading Card Series.

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Customer Reviews

“This book is easily the cheapest way to add all these cards to your Star Wars collection.” (Gizmodo) “This fat little book has high quality scans of the fronts and backs of all 330 cards and 55 stickers from the five series.” (Boing Boing)

Gary Gerani is a screenwriter, author, noted film and TV historian, and children's product developer. He is best known as the cowriter of the film *Pumpkinhead*; the author of the book *Fantastic Television*; and creator, editor, and writer of literally hundreds of Topps trading card sets since 1972. He lives in California. Robert V. Conte is a pop-culture consultant who, armed with his vast memorabilia collection, utilizes his expertise on a myriad of officially licensed products, including *Godzilla*, *Kiss*, and *Sesame Street*. He has three children and is the subject of a forthcoming documentary film, *Rebuilding Robert*. He lives in New York. The Topps Company, Inc., founded in 1938, is the preeminent creator and brand marketer of sports cards, entertainment products, and distinctive confectionery.

I'm a big fan of the Topps/Abrams line of nostalgic trading card books that have been coming out over the last few years (*Wacky Packages*, *Garbage Pail Kids*, and the *Mars Attacks*), and this first volume in a series covering the Topps Star Wars card sets of the 70s & 80s are a great addition to that series. I love that they're carrying over the fun graphic design elements from book to book (the faux wax wrapper dust covers, the imagery of the gum on the covers, etc.) and that they volumes are becoming increasingly more comprehensive. In the past the books have focused on 1-3 sets of cards per book, but this Star Wars volume collects all five series of the 1977-1979 cards. I also love that they exponentially increased the amount of commentary contained within the book (past books featured introductions and afterwards, but not much else in the way of "new" content to accompany the card imagery.) The only minor quibbles I have with this volume are that they end up wasting a bit of space by not blowing up the card scans to fill out more of the pages, and they didn't take care to feature keep corresponding cardbacks with their fronts. As for the former, I know a lot of folks suggest that the card scans are presented at full size, but they're actually larger than standard trading cards. So if they were going to go ahead and present them in a larger format they might as well have gone ahead and made them even larger to fill out the book. With the latter, I understand that a large number of the cards feature puzzle-backs that would not make sense to showcase individually next to the card fronts, but they could have at least done this with the cards that had story or fun-fact card backs. It would keep the reader from having to flip around in the book to get the feel of the card set. Just my two cents. All in all, this is a wonderful addition to the Topps/Abrams trading card series and I hope that we'll soon see an announcement for a third volume concentrating on the Return of the Jedi sets after they release volume two this coming April.

From the dust jacket, to board art to essays, to every page of content, and on back to the bonus

material this book is perfection. Those of us that collected the cards as they came out will be in nostalgia heaven. The fronts and backs of every card and sticker are shown. Captions throughout comment on creative decisions, the card making process, legal concerns, and Topps relationship with the studio. Bonus material includes an epilogue that covers the Wonderbread cards, and 4 actual cards affixed to the back cover. I can't recommend this highly enough.

I once owned all of the original Topps Star Wars cards when they were first released. Purchasing this book took me back to my youth, when me and my friends would trade our doubles to each other -- in order to complete our collections. This book has every card, as well as every sticker! I also got a thrill at the cover of the book... as it fairly replicates the look (and feel) of the old packs of cards. There's even a mock piece of gum photographed on the front cover to simulate opening up a pack of cards. The only slight gripe I have with the book is the quality of the pictures taken of the cards. All of them aren't perfect, as it seems that the author took pictures from used cards to create this book. It doesn't detract from my overall excellent opinion of the content, but I was expecting better quality from the source.

I was a little late to the Star Wars trading cards, I didn't catch on to them until Empire Strikes Back came out, and by then the original movie's cards were out of the stores. What little cards I have from the original movie, I got from trading with the one kid in the neighborhood who had plenty of doubles. I never got close to getting the whole series. So it's neat to be able to finally complete the collection. But even better, now I have a 4 year old who loves all things Star Wars. I brought out the original cards to show to him a couple of times and he loved them. But who knows, those cards could be worth something someday (probably already are) and pay for his college tuition (or for a walker for me!), so rather than risk them getting wrecked by the little one, \$14 to get them all in one book is a small price to pay for the "insurance" (and the convenience), and getting to relive the excitement and enjoy them with your kid. Anyhow, I am probably going to get the "Empire Strikes Back" and "Return of the Jedi" books too eventually. It looks like they have these for all the movies!

I own most of these cards but seeing them all together with the stickers is very neat but most of the pictures in the book seem to be out of focus which really killed it for me. I wouldn't recommend it unless you get it as a gift.

I had to get this book since I still have all 5 series complete with stickers and wrappers from each. They have been in a collectors binder for years and recently I put them in a brand new one. This book was very well done and even the dust cover is made from the same wax paper material they used on the original card wrappers. It's a great compliment to my original Star Wars cards and the intro was an interesting read. I would highly recommend this to any Star Wars fanatic!

As someone who bought (well, my mom bought them for me) these trading cards as a child, it was a huge rush of nostalgia to see them all again in this book. I ended up buying this book for myself, as well as three more, for each of my boys, all big Star Wars fans. Though they weren't around to experience the Star Wars craze in 1977, I think they'll get a kick out of this book. It's comprehensive, and the pictures of the cards, stickers, and wrappers are all good quality. Can't wait for the books covering The Empire Strikes Back and Return Of The Jedi. I consider this a must have for anyone who collected these cards as kids, or are big collectors of Star Wars memorabilia.

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