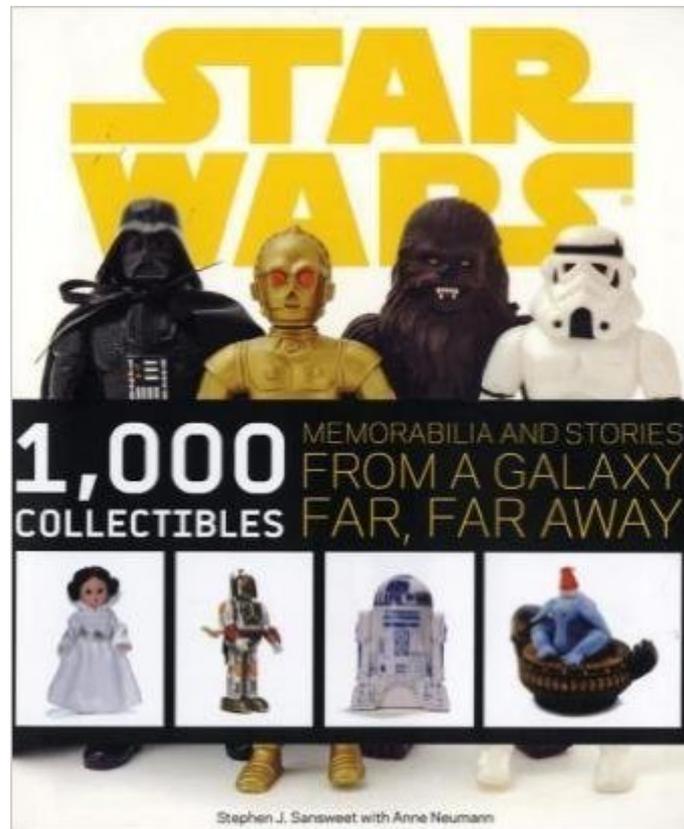


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# Star Wars: 1,000 Collectibles



## Synopsis

Star Wars: 1,000 Collectibles takes the reader on a journey through cool and kitsch, from toys and costumes to life-size statues made of LEGO bricks to consumer goods such as candy, clothing, toothpaste--and much more. Drawn from the largest private Star Wars collection in the known universe, this stunning treasure trove of memorabilia and colorful anecdotes mixes fun with nostalgia, delighting both the casual fan and the serious collector. Since the first Star Wars film opened in 1977, George Lucas's epic space fantasy has become not only one of the most successful entertainment franchises of all time, but also an obsession for collectors around the globe, who have spent more than \$15 billion on Star Wars merchandise. These collectibles range from the offbeat--C-3PO tape dispensers, fan-made bantha pinatas, and Darth Vader popcorn poppers--to the everyday--Boba Fett cake pans, Yoda PEZ dispensers, and "Cream of Jawa" soup. Here for the first time is a chronicle of the constantly expanding, all-encompassing, often-surreal lifestyle of collecting Star Wars--filled with incredible stranger-than-fiction stories from the galaxy's foremost collector.

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## Customer Reviews

Wow! When I read s. sanweet's profile, he's a big wig at lucasfilm, I initially thought "this guy is only trying to making us feel jealous about his collection". Big mistake! Steven is a really down to earth guy and possess the best quality that collectors, like myself, appreciate the most: he is sharing his collection not showing off, the quality of the paper, matches the beauty of the images, those are only

topped off by the amazing, heart warming tales behind how he got the stuff, very similar to Kirk hammett's horror business book. and, no, I don't want a job as his assistant, but it'd be great

I picked up *Star Wars: 1000 Collectibles* and read it cover-to-cover the day I got it. This is one of the best *Star Wars* collecting books I've ever read. It's a first person account of anecdotes, success stories, mistakes, and adventures in assembling author Steve Sansweet's collection, the largest private *Star Wars* collection in the world. The book covers rare one-of-a-kind items, unusual folk art, classic *Star Wars* collectibles, and some very funny stuff. Really an enjoyable read! Anne's photography is top notch. Definitely a must-have for the *Star Wars* collector's bookshelf.

Sansweet has written several books on *Star Wars* collectibles and I always enjoy them. Although this book contains a lot of fun facts and pictures, I found myself getting bored when it veered into a long section on clothing, patches, soft goods etc (yawn). I found the first third, which is devoted to *Star Wars* toys, to be the most interesting. I would still recommend this to collectors, but I would encourage you to flip through it in a store so you really know what you're getting. A minor complain; a cardboard strip inexplicable surrounds the front and back cover, which makes the book awkward to read. I was constantly worried that I was going to tear it whenever I picked up the book.

If you grew up on the original *Star Wars* trilogy and remember all the hype that went with them ... and those are fond memories ... then there is no reason for you to not own this book. As I write this it is going for \$14. It is a steal at double that price. There is so much information and so many photos here that you could spend days trapped between its covers, and if you think you know everything there is to know about *Star Wars* collectibles, think again. You are, quite simply, wrong. I'll admit to being a *Star Wars* fanatic. I'll admit to even like "The Phantom Menace." For a person like me, reading this book is like stepping into a pop culture museum. Admittedly, some of the items are ridiculous, but you marvel at them nonetheless. And some of them are works of art in their own right. Amazing book. Buy it now.

so I wouldn't immediately think that this book was for me. It is. All of these items are from the collection of Stephen J. Sansweet (the largest private collector of *Star Wars* memorabilia in the world) which he lovingly houses in a place called Rancho Obi-Wan, a former chicken ranch. Each item in this collection has a story, and many of them are told in this amazing book. Not just about why an item is collectible, or what makes it so rare, but also how Stephen acquired it, which is

sometimes even more interesting. And while I recognize many of these items from my childhood up until now, there are quite a few which are one-of-a-kind or even prototypes which were never produced. I love this thing, interesting and funny, I was mesmerized the entire time. Don't you want to see the collection of the guy who owns 4-Lom's crotch? Of course you do!

This great little book is the perfect gift for any Star Wars fan or Sci-Fi collector. You'll discover something new on every page, with great images, fun stories about the items. This book is a ton of fun, and surprisingly a delight to go back to again and again. Great coffee table book too.

I was once lucky enough to have been included on a tour of Steve Sansweet's collection with notes being taken about certain items of his collection during that tour so they could be included in this book. I've been waiting with baited breath for this because there is no way you can see but a fraction of his collection. The big stuff, sure. All the normal sized stuff just kind of blurs together in your memory once it is over, and even then you'll never see it all. This is an absolutely wonderful cross-section of his collection, with some lovely little stories about the items or how they came into his collection. I don't care how much of a fan of Star Wars you are, I guarantee that there are many collectibles in this book you've never heard of, or have heard of but never seen, and some you are probably going to try to search for to own for yourself. I know I am. There are the original toys figures all the way through the very expensive high-end stuff. There are prototypes that never made production, artist one-offs, custom items, displays, signs, clothing, food, statues, coins, costumes, computers, games,....I could go on for quite a while. Darth Vader slippers. A Star Wars savings passbook. A stormtrooper golf bag. How about Star Wars Cheeselicious? You haven't lived until you see that. A must own for anyone who collects (even in small amounts, like me) of Star Wars memorabilia. Thank you Steve and Anne, for this book. Now my wife will have to keep me off eBay for a while so I cannot purchase any of these items.

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