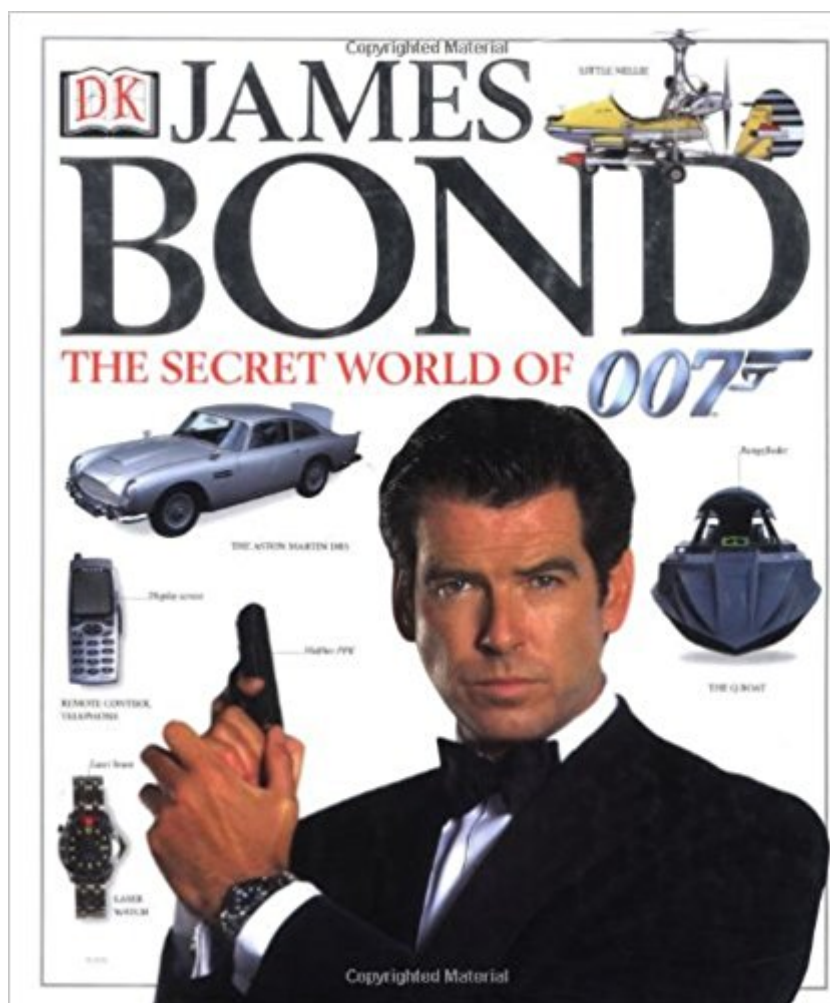


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James Bond: The Secret World Of 007



Synopsis

From its foreword, written by M16's very own chief, M, James Bond: the Secret World of 007 takes readers on a thrill-packed journey through the life and career of the world's most famous secret agent. Every major mission Bond has ever undertaken in the interests of world security, from Dr. No to The World Is Not Enough, is investigated and explained. Spectacular illustrations and photographs reveal, for the first time, the hidden workings of Bond's incredible vehicles and gadgets, the labyrinthine lairs, and masterplans of villains such as Ernst Stavro Blofeld, Elliot Carver, and Auric Goldfinger, and some of 007's most spectacular chases and battles. The book also explores Bond's lovelife, and his relationships with other key members of M16, such as M, Q, and Miss Money Penny. In addition, a reference section gives details of the world famous movies based upon his amazing assignments. Officially endorsed by Eon Productions, creators of the Bond movies, this in-depth approach to Bond's career will bring 007 to life for fans of all ages.

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Customer Reviews

This is a really great book with wonderful illustrations, photos and more important an exhaustive amount of details surrounding the world of James Bond. What you get is tons of information covering all the James Bond movies (except for 1967's Casino Royale) from Dr. No in 1962 all the way up to The World is Not Enough in 1999. So that means the book is not complete. A newer edition was made to pick up those three latest movies, however that doesn't kill the value of this edition. This book was a gold mine. DK publishing has published a lot of fantastic movie books.

Many of these were called visual dictionaries because they have lots of interesting photos and illustrations as well as a small wealth of information. This book is no different. What you are getting is essentially a visual dictionary that covers an astounding 19 movies with an impressive amount of information. Each movie is listed like a Bond "mission", and each mission touches on a large amount of details like villains, lairs and locales, the love interests, and of course all the tools of the trade Bond is famous for. If wanted to know what's inside Bond's Aston Martin now you get a chance to see it along with all the other notable Bond cars from the movies. See where every secret weapon and defense system is placed. What about all those cool watches, lighters, cigarettes that did spy stuff? You get to see them here too and know how they work. How about all those girls Bond gets involved with? You see them all here. What about those cool lairs like Stromberg's floating Atlantis and Drax's space station? You get cross-section illustrations for those as well... and more. It is a very impressive book. The only problem is it was made in 2000, which pre-dates three newer 007 movies. A revised version of this book was published to cover what was missed. This book showcases stuff from Die Another Day like the Aston Martin V12 with a laundry list of its features (plus a smaller entry on the villain Jaguar car), a blurb on the Ice Palace and Project Icarus, and almost a full page for Halle Berry. The final two films are far less about the tech and focus on pretty much being a plot synopsis with some great photos. So all in all if you have this book aren't missing terribly too much. This is a great book, but the updated edition kind of puts it out to pasture. If you already have the book then I guess it's a toss up. If you don't have any of the books and want to get the most out of your reading I would go ahead and shy away from this edition. However if you don't mind missing the extra stuff the new book has then you can grab this book at a great price.

It's a good coffee table book for sure but for the die hard Bond fan, they would notice some inaccuracies. There is also the fact that only Pierce Brosnan is pictured throughout with nothing for the other actors. The book does cover the many faces of Blofeld but with Bond, you're stuck with Remington Steele.

Excellent Book! Lots of photos, trivia and info! I bought this one and "Bond on Bond" by Roger Moore. Both are just as good!

If you are a James Bond fan this book from Dorling Kindersley is nothing less than fantastic. Dorling Kindersley is starting to corner the market on good looking and attractive books. This book is very visually conceived, designed and presented so this book is right up Dorling Kindersley's alley. They

know how to do it right. Each James Bond film is addressed with an emphasis on its production design (gadgets, sets, etc.). We are given 3 dimensional views of key sets from each film. This is what I really liked about it. This is a great companion book to Sally Hibbons' The Official James Bond Movie Book that was also very beautifully presented. If you love the cinematic world of James Bond this book from Dorling Kindersley is for you. This is a book you thought they never would make, but they did. This book holds a special place in my collection.

I've been a Bond fan since my Dad used to take me to the public library so I could take out the hardback versions of Fleming's master spy. I honestly like this book, although it IS for a younger audience. The cutaway views of the "Bondmobiles" and "Little Nellie" are well rendered and make for a detailed insight behind the sheetmetal. I would have liked to have seen a newer edition, featuring Brosnan's last film as 007...DIE ANOTHER DAY. I think the VANQUISH and the Jaguar would have only added to the fun aspect of this book. It's definitely NOT a wordy book, but does offer the missions (films) in a nice concise chronological order, complete with places in these movies of note such as Dr. No's island base, Blofeld's oil rig, Stromberg's "Atlantis", etc. All in all, a nice addition for ANY Bondian library...or even a good starter book for the "next generation" of 007 fans! ((that's SHAKEN...not stirred))

I grew up with this book & to this day I haven't seen a more illustrated, neat, colorful, & accurate representation of 007 & his missions.

Bought as a replacement for a copy in our school library that is pretty worn out...the kids love this book.

Out of all the Bond reference books that I have purchased I would have to say that this one was the most disappointing. All of the content from this book could be found in the Bond Encyclopedia which is just about the same price on but it is a lot better (more additional content). I definitely would buy another book if you are only looking to purchase a small number of James Bond reference texts but if you are like me and buy anything Bond related then this is something that you can add to your library if the price is right.

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