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The official miscellany, celebrating 50 years of Doctor Who.

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Customer Reviews

Trivia fans used to wait anxiously for annual almanacs, which contained all manner of information useless to most of the world but fascinating to us. Now that we have the Internet, there's no such anxiously awaited occasion at the end of the year, but Doctor Who: Who-ology is a rich source of Doctor Who trivia. Since the 50th Anniversary episode in November promises to reference all the Doctors and many episodes, this is a great review book for anyone who wants to ensure s/he gets every shout-out. The book doesn't quite include all fifty years--the second half of Season Seven, aired in 2013, is not included--but there's enough to keep any Doctor Who fan enthralled, with a fifty-year timeline of significant events, lists of minor characters and charts of episodes and companions.

I'll confess up-front that the three-star review is a reflection of the book not meeting my expectations, rather than something terrible about the book itself. The book is smaller than expected - about the size of a paperback novel - rather than the coffee-table sized book I expected. (I should have checked the dimensions before I ordered it!) And the paper is mass-market paperback quality, not glossy. And, there are no photographs reproduced in the book, only a few drawings by way of illustration. Lastly, a large part of the content truly is miscellany - lots of odds-and-ends, of varying

degrees of interest. Having said all that, it is fun to read - if you dip into it occasionally. (I keep my copy in the bathroom!) Do not buy this book as a single 50th Anniversary souvenir. But, if you read this review and the book still sounds okay to you, you will probably love it - for what it is.

I stumbled upon this book and flipped through it fully expecting to not want it, but even just a casual flip through revealed the brilliance in this little treasure. The book is filled with interesting bits of trivia, facts, and statistics about the long run of Doctor Who. Having been a fan of Doctor Who for over thirty years my initial thought was that it was going to be some tired rehash of things that I already knew. I am so pleased to say that it is not! After having glimpsed through the book I quickly decided that I wanted it. Here is what I think this book has going for it: 1. The price. You can't go wrong with the quality of the book for the price you pay for it. The pages are not high quality paper, but making them so would have made the book cost far more. Ultimately it is a book that you are going to want to flip through and refer back to when watching a particular episode, and for that purpose the paper is perfect. 2. The content. Clearly written with love for both the new and classic versions of Doctor Who. The book seamlessly weaves the two series together. It includes facts, figures, charts, and lists of all sorts and each of them interesting in their own way. All of it well researched (although in the interests of being impartial I will note that the map of the locations that Doctor has visited does place Nevada much closer to Kansas than it should be, but I expect that we can let that pass). 3. Readability. Formatted like those Uncle John's Bathroom books, this is a book that you can read either straight through or flip about from section to section. It can be read in short installments while you are waiting in a reception area or during a commercial break. And it is accessible to a wide audience, my eleven year old son enjoys it as much as I do. My final word on it is this, do yourself a treat and get this book.

Oh my gosh!!! I love it!! It covers the entire series from 1963 to 2012 - it stops right at "The Snowmen" with Clara, so you get a good chunk of info on everything. Companions, the Doctor's incarnations, places he's been, plot points, enemy 101 - there's even a breakdown of River's timeline! (That's great because I'm still a bit fuzzy on when she did what.) There's also the Tardis breakdown. I don't want to spoil too much, but if you are a Whovian for life or a Whovian who wants to know more about the series as a whole? GET IT! VERY WORTH IT! :D

This book is fantastic. I just started watching Doctor Who in February on Netflix when I was sick for 3 days. I finished series 1-5 during that time, watched 6 & first half of 7 on demand within a week,

and was ready for the second half of 7 when it premiered in March. I am hooked and after reading this book feel like a true Whovian finally. A great cheat sheet guide for newbies or a brush up on your history for you old timers.

This book is packed with loads of interesting information from 45 1/2 years of Doctor Who. It was a really entertaining and breezy read overall. That said, the Kindle edition was really buggy on my Kindle Fire, even after restarting my device and re-downloading the book. Pages would get stuck at the end of lots of subsections, resulting in dozens of repeating pages that would lead to the skipping of a few pages of content. I'd say at least 10% of the book was skipped overall with no way to recover.

This book, packed with facts, figures and stories from 50 years of the TV show Doctor Who, is a FUN book! I just can't stop reading it. There were some trivia that I never knew and it's a delight surprise! Of course, there were some things in the book I disagreed with but that's a part of the fun. I'd not be surprised if future non-fiction/reference Doctor Who books were spawned from this book (it certainly gives you an idea what you could write about as a non-fiction work)! I think I'll have to re-read it to add some notes of my own! It's a MUST for all Doctor Who fans to have!

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