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The Doctors: Who's Who: The Story Behind Every Face Of The Iconic Time Lord



Synopsis

Updated from the hardcover, this book provides detailed biographies of the 11 actors who have played the Time Lord, including the latest, Matt Smith. Doctor Who is the world's longest-running science fiction television series, and the role of the Time Lord has been a career landmark for all 11 actors who have played him. Few roles in television history are as iconic, demanding, or as anticipated by its legion of fans as that of the famous time traveler with two hearts. This compendium of facts about the men behind the role reveals to fans who was a bouncer for the Rolling Stones before taking control of the Tardis, who was nearly blown up in World War II aboard HMS Hood, who had a fondness for wooly hats and a grandson who would become Harry Potter's nemesis, and who played a transvestite barmaid before becoming a Who heartthrob. All these bizarre facts are explained, and many more, as the lives and careers of each Doctor—including the youngest and most recent incarnation, Matt Smith—are put under the spotlight and given the credit they so richly deserve. Including interviews with many of the stars, this is a must-have for any fan.

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twenty-fourth birthday. It is a typical binding of John Blake's, with intersecting glossy photographs of the cast and crew relating to the chapters and the material therein. I have been a huge fan of Doctor Who since Russell T Davies re-invigorated the franchise in 2005. Ever since David Tennant's tenure as 'The Doctor', I have delved back into the classic series to experience for myself this cult following and the history that has captured its more modern viewers. I recently started collecting the remaining William Hartnell serials and I plan to further my collection in time, running through all The Doctor's incarnations. This book certainly is invaluable as a companion to any 'Whovian', whichever era of the Doctor they are tethered to. There are many sources that set out to comment on the various fictional incarnations of The Doctor and his companions, but few actually tend to focus on the actors that have played them over the years. It is the intention of Craig Cabell, the author, to delve into the history of the actors that have donned the identity of Doctor Who, from official interpretations to the Dalek film series and including the spin-off theatre productions. He also delves into the history surrounding the concept of the programme and its mythos, with a very interesting section on the original script for An Unearthly Child (The Pilot Episode) examining the various fictional biographies of Susan, The Doctor's granddaughter, and why it has never been explained in Doctor Who lore who she actually is. Is she indeed The Doctor's granddaughter?

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