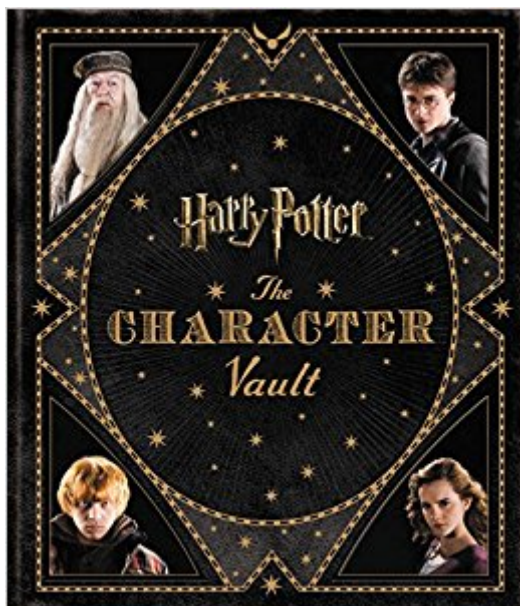


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Harry Potter: The Character Vault



Synopsis

A comprehensive, full-color compendium of the key characters in all eight of the Harry Potter films, filled with never-before-seen photographs and illustrations, covering the costumes, makeup, weaponry, and behind-the-scenes story that brought each personality memorably to life on the big screen. Harry Potter: The Character Vault offers fans a deeper look at the creative development of the characters introduced in the books and brought to life in the theatrical series. Jody Revenson brings you closer to Harry, Ron, Hermione, and the students and faculty at Hogwarts, the bureaucrats at the Ministry of Magic, the Triwizard Tournament competitors, the wizarding world families, and the dark forces against them. Each profile in the book includes design sketches and unit photography showcasing the costumes of each character, along with an image of his or her wand, and other iconic props specific to the characters—brooms, Harry's invisibility cloak, Mad-Eye Moody's eye and prosthetic leg, and more. Discover how Quidditch gear and Hogwarts' robes subtly changed as the characters grew up, discover the fashion and artistry behind the Weasley style, the Yule Ball dresses and robes, Slug Club party wear, and Death Eater masks and costumes. Interweaving interviews with the special effects experts, costume designers, makeup artists and the cast, Jody Revenson shows fans how the magic happens, revealing the unique filming techniques used to change particular characters' sizes, such as a giant Hagrid and Madame Maxime, as well as special makeup processes that created the look of Harry's Stinging Hex and Peter Pettigrew's rat-like visage. Featured throughout are intriguing profiles of the special makeup effects artists who share the most memorable effects they've used to transform ordinary actors into their extraordinary fictional counterparts. Harry Potter: The Character Vault is your exclusive all-access pass into the creative process of the largest film franchise of all time, and comes complete with two exclusive removable features.

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Customer Reviews

I did not get the Collector's Edition of Harry Potter Page to Screen so I'm glad that those bundled books are now sold separately, and I also saved some money in the process. The book's a 208-page hardcover with a cover that's designed with the same style as the other Harry Potter film companion books, such as Harry Potter: Page to Screen, Harry Potter: The Creature Vault and Harry Potter: Magical Places. There are nice graphic elements and embossed gold text. Very classy. From what I can see, this seems like the updated book to the character book from the collector's edition. I saw some pages of the book from the collector's edition and the layout looks different but content is the same. Also, there isn't much duplicated content from Harry Potter: Page to Screen. This book focuses on the characters and their costumes, and each is given good coverage in terms of the space devoted, photographs, artworks and writeup. This book covers the human characters so you won't see any creatures of Dobby. There are also students from other schools, the teaching staff and of course Lord Voldemort and his evil gang of Death Eaters. There are also sections talking about the wands, and how they apply makeup, such as to make Harry disfigured when hit by the Stinging Jinx. There are lots of information and I enjoyed reading about how they come up with the design and look for the characters. It's an insightful book that all Harry Potter fans must have. Highly recommended. (See more pictures of the book on my blog. Just visit my profile for the link.)

So obsessed with the vault series by Jody Revenson! This volume discusses the characters in the movies with information about those characters, candid photos and hand drawn photos of their wardrobes and pics from the movies. The book talks a lot about the inspiration behind the wardrobes and makeup as well which I like because they took my favorite and least favorite characters out of the books and gave them life and I like to read how they made that happen. There's also a lot of discussion about some of the characters wands. Great book!

This is a wonderful book for anyone who loves Harry Potter. My daughter has been very into everything Harry Potter and is reading the books and watching each movie after she reads it, so I bought her this book to explain more about each character. It is better than expected! Large, very solid with nice thick glossy pages, and wonderful photos and illustrations of all of the characters in the Harry Potter series. It explains lots of details about each person, and also about how they were adapted for filming (explaining, for example, how they got Hagrid to look so huge). Both of us have really enjoyed reading this book and looking at the pictures. It is all inclusive and couldn't be any better. Very happy with this purchase! The only thing I will warn you about is if you have not finished reading all of the Harry Potter books yet, this will contain some spoilers. So I'd wait and get this when you've finished all the books. One of my very favorite purchases ever on , we love it!

"Harry Potter: The Character Vault" is a fascinating book that details the characters from the films. Everyone is included - Harry, Ron, Hermione, Snape, Dumbledore, Voldemort, etc. The main characters get 4-5 pages each, while minor characters usually get a single 2-page spread. The book profiles each character, and the text from Jody Revenson (author of many previous Potter books, including *Magical Places*) is insightful and well written. For some characters, there are a few words about the actor as well as his/her casting and process. But most of the text is dedicated to discussing the look of the characters; that is, how they are translated visually from the page to the screen. This means discussion about costumes, makeup, hairstyling, and props. You'll find a lot of great images in the book, including some fantastic concept art (usually printed full-page) and unit photography. Again, most of the images are related to costumes and props -- school and Quidditch uniforms; Yule Ball gowns; wand designs; the sorting hat; Death Eater masks; and more. In reading through the book, you really gain an appreciation for the intricate work done to create each character's wardrobe. If you own the Harry Potter Page to Screen Collector's Edition, then you'll notice some similarity between this book and the 'Wizard Wear & Muggle Attire' book from that set. But even if you own that set, there's new content in the Character Vault that would make it a worthy purchase. Included within the book are two pull-out posters: one featuring the Order of the Phoenix, and the other featuring the Death Eaters. This is an excellent resource for fans of the Harry Potter film franchise. It will especially be of interest to those who enjoy the art of costume design.

It's a beautiful book- but it's really more about costuming from the movie than anything. I was hoping for a very thorough compilation of characters- but it contains only 9 Hogwarts students in total. I was thinking maybe this would be a little more like a yearbook.

Beautiful. Well put together, very nice. Fun facts that even avid HP fans might not know.

Arrived way sooner than expected. absolutely impressed and very satisfied

We're big HP fans, and all of my kids love this book. It's got great photos from the movies, plus artist paintings and drawings and lots of trivia about how the movies were made and about the actors and actresses. It's even got information about characters such as Peeves, who didn't make it into the movies. Great to look at and interesting to read.

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