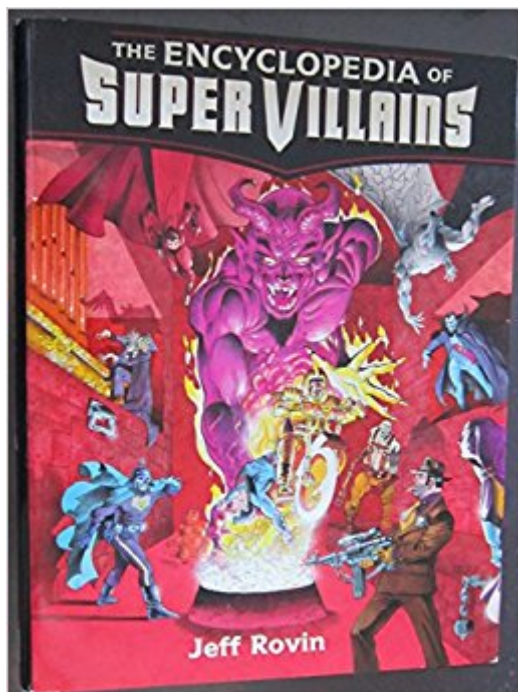


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The Encyclopedia Of Super Villains



Synopsis

Great fun to read and use, The Encyclopedia of Super Villains is sure to appeal to a broad audience, including comic-book collectors, science-fiction fans, trivia mavens, TV and movie buffs, nostalgia lovers and students of popular culture.

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Customer Reviews

This lavishly illustrated companion to Rovin's The Encyclopedia of Superheroes (1985) contains short articles on almost 1000 villainous characters culled from movies, TV, mythology, fiction, and other sources. The majority of those featured are outlandish characters from comic books. Villains from genre fiction such as mysteries, science fiction, or romances are almost nonexistent, as are the classic villains of literature, folklore, and mainstream movies. Most of the selected villains apparently were included because of their noteworthy nastiness and the audacity of their criminal intentions. This is a well-researched, well-written, amply illustrated dictionary for an area where there are few reliable reference sources. Dennis Dillon, Univ. of Texas Lib., Austin
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Great information resource for character research. While I don't like all the stickers on the cover or the tape to keep it in place (I realize this is something libraries do, but I wish they would remove it all and clean the books up before giving them up for selling), it is still in good condition and makes for a good replacement for my original copy.

A good, quick reference for most villains across the realm of fiction. I found it quite useful and informative.

Great Book, perfect companion to The Encyclopedia of Super Heroes, which I already owned. Great trip down memory lane on many of these characters.

Made a great Christmas present. Came super fast! Thanks.

The book was in fine condition, but it did not come with the cover as pictured. It was a blank black cover. The book is almost all text. We were expecting something with lots of fun and colorful pictures, since it says in the description that it's "lavishly illustrated". There are actually very few pictures, it's mostly all text. We were getting it for our 5 year old, so this book wouldn't work. If you're a serious collector, then this book would be for you I suppose!

This companion piece to Rovin's Encyclopedia of Super Heroes is a great research tool for pop culture scholars. The problem with this volume as opposed to the original is that it seems less complete. And some omissions are quite striking. For instance, there are listings for several Doc Savage villains like Carl Zolg and General Ino, but there is no listing for John Sunlight (the only pulp villain to match wits with the "man of bronze" more than once). There's also no listing for the Shadow's arch-foe Shiwan Khan. Still I guess this is a minor quibble. After all, how can you find too much fault with a book that has a listing for Mighty Mouse's arch-enemy Oil Can Harry?

This is Rovin's companion piece to his "Encyclopedia of Superheroes", and is every bit as well researched. Try to think up the most obscure comic book or TV serial supervillain--he or she is in here. If I had to find a quibble, it's that this book includes the nemeses of superheroes that were not listed in the former book; for example, you'll find entries for the Master, but Doctor Who was not in TEOSH. A must own for comic book, SF, and adventure film/TV buffs alike.

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