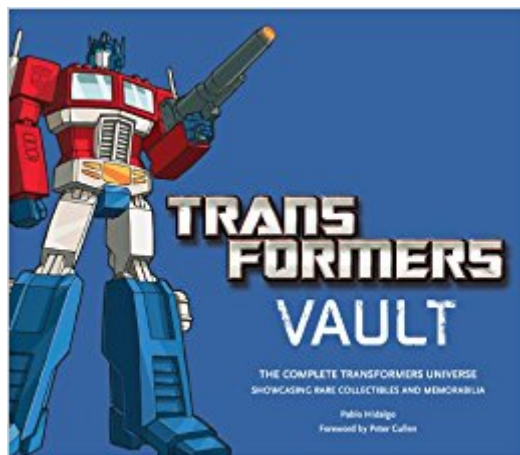


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Transformers Vault: Showcasing Rare Collectibles And Memorabilia



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For the first time ever, Transformers Vault reveals the complete story of the Transformers, everyone's favorite robots in disguise. Loaded with never-before-seen images, this book is a guide to the epic battle between the Autobots and Decepticons, as it began with toys and television, and continued to comics, film, games, and other media. There's something here for all generations, from classic toys that have become sought-after collectibles to the amazing, high-tech visuals of the three live-action films. Hasbro has opened its official archives, gathering more than 250 images and several featured pieces of memorabilia. Look inside for a sheet of Generation One tech specs with a secret revealer, a rare pencil sketch from comics artist Casey Collier, an unseen character profile for Hot Rod from the 1986 film, an animation cel, and much more. Exclusive photos of Japanese Transformer prototypes, archival development art, and brand-new information about the future of the Transformers make this the ultimate package for every fan. Praise for Transformers Vault: "Transformers Vault . . . has a permanent place on our coffee table. If you need a unique gift to give your Transformers fan, we recommend this book. . . . they will discover something new every time they open it." • "Wired.com" "Transformers Vault is a collector's case at an affordable price. . . . With original artwork, amazing pictures of rare exclusive Japanese variants and a foreword by the voice of Optimus Prime, Peter Cullen, Transformers Vault does not disappoint." • "examiner.com"

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First off, I'm a fairly hardcore Transformers fan. I've watched every generation of the TV show, all the toy lines are represented in my collection, I've read the comics from Marvel, DW and IDW, and I've spent more than my fair share of time reading and posting on Transformers message boards. So as a giant Transformers nerd/fan, I can promise you, there is content here you have not seen, and it is good!

OVERVIEWThe Transformers Vault serves as an excellent overview of the Transformers history, explored from five perspectives: The toys, the comics, the TV shows, the live-action films, and "The Future." Each section contains numerous color photographs and at least one or two reproductions of relevant pieces of memorabilia. The book is bound with a gorgeous hardcover, featuring images of Optimus Prime and Megatron in their G1, Beast Wars and live action film incarnations. A rigid slipcover, featuring G1 Optimus and Megatron protects the book and helps it hold its shape.

TOYSThis book does an excellent job with the history of Transformers toys, discussing the origins of the toys, the thoughts behind each era (including at least mentions of Japanese market exclusives) and toy innovations. Don't expect to see photos of every toy, but you'll see a good variety of quality toy photos. The special part of this section (for me anyway) are the rarely or never before seen development materials, like wax prototypes, concept development sketches, and unused G2 box art. Memorabilia reproductions in this section include a UK toy catalog, and some G1 tech specs (with red decoder).

COMICSFrom Marvel, to Marvel UK, to Dreamwave to IDW (and the G.I.

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