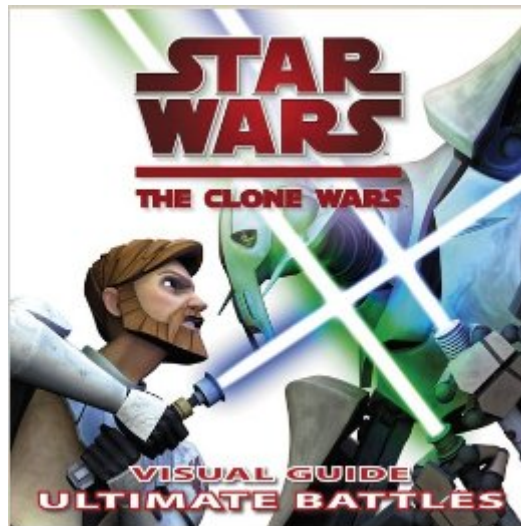


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The *Visual Guide to the Clone Wars* (based on the new animated film), is a remarkable book. Those who are familiar with the film, will find the book very easy to follow, and a delightful look into the film that goes at your pace. The art is taken from the film, and 'panels' are inserted (and even numbered) so readers can follow the plot scene by scene. It's almost like this is a sophisticated storyboard for Clone Wars that took on a life of its' own. With the book, various elements in the film can be explained on a visual level, and inside jokes like 1138 can be got by savvy fans. (Think THX 1138). Unlike many visual guides, this one weighs in at 144 pages of pure digital animation joy. Watching the film, I appreciated it, but missed some of the subtle plot nuances. This time, I got them. The back of the book says it well. "A plan is only as good as those who see it through". Perhaps this is a reference to the Sorcerer's Apprentice, "Finish What you Start". Either way, the Clone Wars rocks. Tim Lasiuta

A new Star Wars convert, my five year old son received this as a gift for his birthday two months ago. Since then, it has rarely left his side, as he reads it constantly. Although the vocabulary is often over his head, the graphics, layout and textual narration are excellent, and continue to command his attention and stimulate his imagination. Note: the book is strictly limited to the Star Wars Clone Wars saga (and graphics/illustrations from the movie/tv series, not any of the 6 SW movies). A very well-done product.

I am a huge fan of Star Wars and can't wait to see the movie The Clone Wars, so to get an idea of what it will be about I bought this book. It is awesome! It is jam packed with pictures and tells you every thing you need to know about the characters, battles, ships, everything!!! I think it is excellent buy.

Recommended for fans of the Clone Wars. DK Publishing books always have impressive layouts and photos and interesting text. This books covers some of the later seasons of the Clone Wars series. Check out those Mandalorians!

Got a Clone Wars fan in your house? This is the book for them. My son is 10 and loves this book, he refers to it all the time. It may get put down but in time will be picked back up. He loves it, so I love it.

I love Darth Maul. I really do. He was my favorite character in Phantom Menace, I loved him in his own 4 issue mini series where he decimated Dark Sun, and I loved him in Shadow Hunter. But I don't understand why they needed to bring him back to life. I mean it was quirky when they did it in the Star Wars Tales comic for one issue, but did we really need to make it canon? Plus I can't really see the Darth Maul we know and love, leading an army of mercenaries, gangsters and smugglers. He really works better when he is the Emperor's attack dog sent out on search and destroy missions. I can see him wanting revenge on Obi-Wan Kenobi, but going through all this to get it seems out of character for him. I enjoyed reading about him in battle and him using a single bladed lightsaber instead of his usual double bladed one, but that's about all that I enjoyed about this book. Plus it didn't really seem like I was reading a book, it seemed more like I was having someone describe an issue of the animated show to me. All in all it's just okay.

Truly an amazing story, I enjoyed reading it more than watching it. Pros 1 Darth Maul is back and cooler than ever. 2 Savage Opress, Maul's brother and apprentice is an awesome addition to the Star Wars universe. 3 Darth Sidious, we get to see the Sith Master show why he is on top of the food chain. 4 Shadow Collective. Maul creates his own criminal organization to rival the armies of the separatists and the Republic. 5 Mandalorians! I love Mando's and this had them by the ton. And the coolest part, Maul leads them! 7 A Dark Side Story! The story focuses on Maul rather than on Jedi such as Anakin and Obiwan. Cons 1 The ending kind of sneaks up fast and leaves you unfulfilled. Though I like the way it was done in the book better than the Clone Wars CGI episode. 2 No Xizor, I know it's not really big but when Maul confronts the Black Sun bosses I was hoping to see Xizor. 3 Obiwan just leaves? Really? I won't say anymore but I find it odd that Obiwan would return to the Republic at the end of the book the way he did and leave things left unfinished. Overall this was one of the best story arcs of the series, and it makes an amazing book to read. I really hope they will come out with more novelizations of the best Clone Wars story arcs such as Savage Opress, the return of Darth Maul, the Mortis Trilogy, The Death Watch, Carnage of Krell, etc. There's just so many awesome arcs for them to use! And I would be buying everyone of them!

This book is a wealth of great Clone Wars trivia for the ultimate little fan. It was a big hit and well worth the money. The illustrations inside the book and layout of the book is well done. Very happy with this purchase.

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