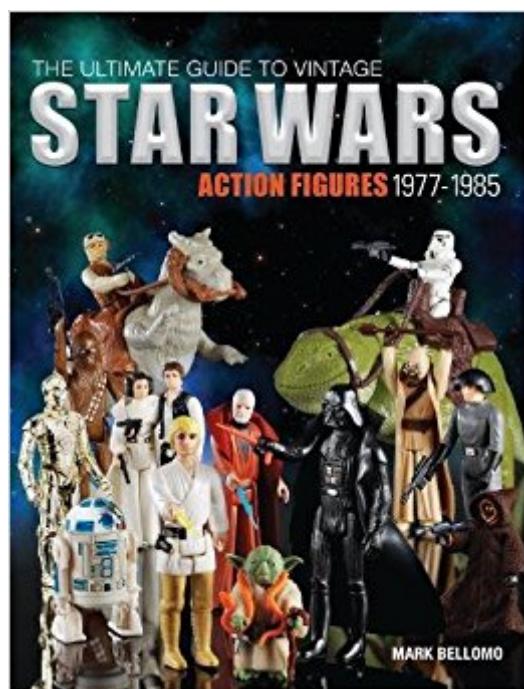


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# The Ultimate Guide To Vintage Star Wars Action Figures, 1977-1985



## **Synopsis**

A Galaxy...of Epic Toys!When Star Wars landed in movie theaters in 1977, it became a popular cultural phenomenon and introduced the world to heroes like Luke Skywalker, super villain Darth Vader, Wookies, Stormtroopers, robots, Jedi Knights, space vehicles and lightsabers. The adventures continued with a toy line that soon followed, starting a hobby that still leaves collectors fascinated almost 40 years later."The Ultimate Guide to Vintage Star Wars Action Figures 1977-1985" is the definitive reference to vintage action figures, accessories, creatures, playsets and vehicles. Written by nationally renowned toy expert Mark Bellomo, the book features current values on the secondary market and 600+ beautiful color photographs.

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## **Customer Reviews**

One of the top toy experts in the country, Mark Bellomo has written a number of bestselling books on toys and popular culture, including *Transformers: Identification & Price Guide*, *The Ultimate Guide to G.I. Joe: 1982-1994*, and *Toys and Prices*. Bellomo also consults for film and television, where readers may view him on YouTube's *The Collectable Spectacle*.

Most books on Star Wars toys / collectibles take on the daunting task of trying to list every single one of them and even more difficult - show them all in nice unopened packages. Mr. Bellomo has bucked the trend, favoring instead to focus on one era and show the toys in their opened state as most people are likely to encounter them.Going one step further, many of the toys which have pieces parts, like playsets, have all of their parts shown, helping collectors identify whether or not

the opened toy they are considering buying or already own, is truly complete or if it is missing pieces. Other reviewers are wishing for more 'in package' photos for this title. I personally have fifteen other titles on my bookshelf, all with great photos of mint packaging. However I have zero books that show in detail the complete collection of (US release) loose vintage toys with variations and pieces specifically photographed. Bravo to Mr. Bellomo for choosing to not go with the 'more of the same' and giving collectors a book they don't already own. The book 'ends' in 1985 - 30 years ago, and yet this the first time we've seen the toys in this light. This book has earned its place on any Star Wars collector's shelf of quality reference books.

OK, my two cents on the new Ultimate Guide to Vintage Star Wars from Mark Bellomo.... -To begin one must realize just HOW MANY different lines and eras of toys do in fact exist. Within each specific line of toys exists literally an entire universe to explore, both in the fiction behind the toys, as well as in the personal history for each of us from our childhoods. Mark has done a wonderful job in covering both a hands down EXPANSIVE list of the Star Wars toys from the original Trilogy as well as illuminating the individual back stories for each character and set that made childhood playtime so great. -The photography and layout are a nice step up in layout and imagination from previous guides, as well as a useful index to speed your journey should you need a quick lookup as well... OR, should you feel like sitting down for a good read one can lose several hours going page by page. -Mr Bellomo went above and beyond in this edition by running down the multitude of variants in existence for many of these toys (very helpful for those who find sport in hunting those individual lines). He has even gone so far as pointing out parts of the toys and sets that after 30+ years may or usually WILL deteriorate, then offering some common and or by default acceptable fixes or replacement parts. Stock or restore? The lines have indeed blurred.... -A note about the author and his various volumes; this edition, like many others has involved years of planning, prep, hunting, writing and more hunting and writing. Mr Bellomo has a personal rule: Nothing goes into his collector editions than he does not own. This means no stock photos, no hearsay, rumor, myth or legends. He has to run down each item you see in this book, ergo it is in its own way self limiting in the amount or type of content. I have seen a few reviews commenting on the lack of packaging or cardback photos. I can attest that those boxes could nearly warrant a companion volume of their own, never mind the space that kind of thing takes up in one's home- a rabbit hole through which only the truly brave should ever consider venturing! In short what you have here is a very complete guide to the actual toys themselves.. -Collecting toys nearly as old as we are (ohai 80's kids!) is a labor of love and a great way to occupy some time, Mr Bellomo really encompasses what it meas

love and remember those cool toys and the good times we had with them as children. I very much do recommend this guide as a must for the serious or casual collector and I will look forward to future offerings from Mr Bellomo. Thank You,-CW

This book did a great job of showing the action figures in detail. I have some action figures to sell and it was helpful to know which weapons and accessories went together. I also liked the narratives of the background of each character and learned quite a lot I did not know before. Whether you are a seller or collector you will like this book. The prices are not that up to date but this market is very fluid and growing with each new movie release. I would highly recommend it.

MARK BELLOMO HAS DONE IT AGAIN!!!! This is the third book now he's done that has blown me away and captured all that I adore growing up into one guide. First I picked up his Guide to G.I.Joe toys (1982-1994) and I couldn't put it down in the bookstore...then of course I bought it to enjoy all the time! Then I when I met him, I bought his 80s Toys book, which is THE perfect coffee table book for anyone in their 30s and 40s who grew up with the memories of these sweet toys!Now, finally, his Star Wars Guide. I almost cried seeing EVERY toy from 1977 to 1985 and the stories behind the toys in making them and description of where the characters come from in the SW universe. Most importantly, he included prequel (Ep I-III) backgrounds of characters in descriptions, which I happen to LOVE! It's like he said "I know most people 30 years and older hate those Prequels BUT IT IS PART OF THE LEGACY AND STORY OF STAR WARS!!" I happen to love those prequels, because I was able to enjoy it as 7-year-old ME when they came out. But that's another conversation...Mark, I love it and YOU for writing this book and being hardcore about it! Cannot wait for the next book, especially if it's a guide to Marvel toys! G.I.Joe, Star Wars and Marvel is and will always be my favorite forms of entertainment forever!

Outstanding addition to your Star Wars Figure Collection, the Ultimate Guide showcases the vintage figures along with very detailed story descriptions, price values, and best of all, presents many of the figures with their accessories, cloth coats and masks removed for a detailed view of the sculpting of these classic, appealing figures of the 70's and 80's from Kenner. Highly recommended for collectors and fans of Star Wars.

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