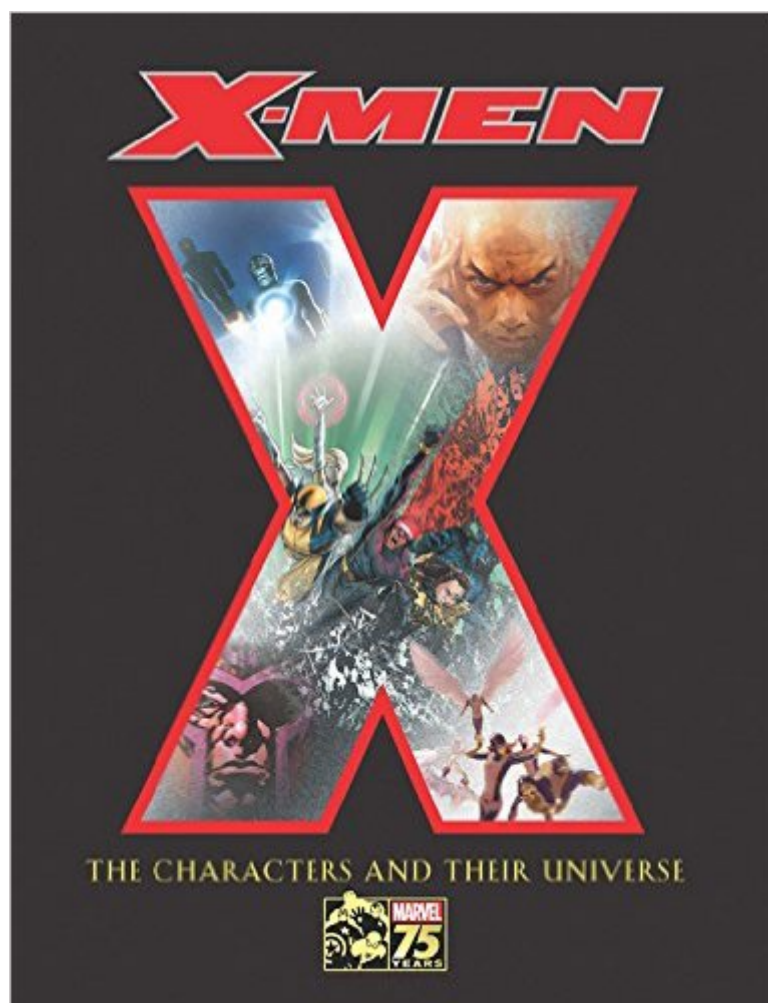


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# X-Men: The Characters And Their Universe



## Synopsis

X-Men: The Characters and Their Universe tells the story of this unique band of comic book heroes from their creation in 1963 by the dream team of writer Stan Lee and artist Jack Kirby, through their late 1970s re-emergence as a platform for socially and politically relevant storytelling, and up to the present as one of the globe's hottest franchises. This colorful, lavishly illustrated volume also traces how the characters have been adapted into the media of television and film, including the ground-breaking 1992 animated series and the blockbuster feature films, including X-Men III: The Final Stand, released in May of 2006. For fans of the comic books, this volume also provides a unique one-source catalogue of every major character that appeared from 1963 to the present, including all the various teamings of characters, the significant comic book series, the various character relationships and evolutions, and the classic storylines that have all woven together over the decades to create the dazzlingly complex and fascinating tapestry of the world of mutants. X-Men: The Characters and Their Universe is a book that no fan of Marvel Comics, of super heroics, of animation and action adventure filmmaking, even of popular culture of the late 20th century itself, will want to be without.

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## Customer Reviews

I received this book as a birthday present from an awesome friend (thanks, jon!), and I immediately read the entire thing in one night. As much as I appreciated the vast amount of information and the

beautiful illustrations, I couldn't help but be irked by the little typos along the way. While it is understandable that in a book of this length, that some errors were made, if I (an 18 year-old high school student) could read the book in one night and discover these grammatical and spelling errors, I feel as though the editors could have prevented these mistakes just as easily. Aside from the annoying typos, though, this collection of X-Men trivia is stellar, and I would recommend it to any X-Men fan (especially if they aren't as OCD about typos in published formats as I am).

As a person who has loved the X-Men for many years this book really brings together the entire universe and allows you to really get to know the characters and the history behind the universe itself. The X-Men franchise and story has evolved and changed so much over the years that having something like this is helpful as it is sometimes hard to follow the changing dynamics of the team, the changing backstories and powers of the characters, and more. All of this being said though, this comic has been one that has truly with stood the test of time and for me I think it has a lot to do with the fact that there has always been a struggle between the two factions that you see here. Those that are main stream and those that are different. I think so many connect to the fact that so many of these "mutants" are so much like us with similar fears and concerns and have been ostracized because of their difference. Whether you agree with the premise of the story of the comic or not, this has definitely been a well written comic with amazing artistry throughout it's 50+ years and this book encapsulates all of this well. There is a ton of information, images and more for any X-Men fan within this book. You will not be disappointed!\*I received this for review - all opinions are my own\*

This book does a great job of telling the history of the x-men, especially from the 'real world' publishing standpoint, but failed to adequately describe 'the characters and their universe' leaving me mostly disappointed.

WOW!! was my first reaction when i opened my package and got the book i was stunned by how nice the book cover was, and flipping through the first couple of pages i can say this book is for the ultimate fan!! I've read most of the other x-men companion books and this one by far is the best i've seen yet...I would recommned this for any x-men fan hands down and awesome speed on shipping!!!

Great informative book, great deal since the original price was almost \$100. A little dated in the information, like Rogue' real name as Anna-Marie in the movies. That is her real name in the comic

cannon, I guess the author didn't include that. Wish there was something about the storylines that made the most impact in X-men cannon.

It is a really cool book. It's very durable and well made. Full of great pictures and tons of information. I bought it as a gift for my husband and he really enjoys it. Our son likes to look over and read the pages as well. You don't have to be a comic book junkie to appreciate this book. I'm not (and I'm a girl ;P ) but I also spend some time going through all the pages. If you like or are interested in the X-Men on any level what-so-ever this book is for you.

Fantastic history of the X-Men. From the first comic to the latest movies. It's an excellent coffee table book for fans of the series.

I wonder if many reviewers have read this book. It's littered with errors and misinformation (not understanding the progression of Angel to Archangel, strangely characterizing Havok's plasma as "blasts of heat", an image of Bobby Drake undergoing his secondary mutation that is mislabeled as him "demonstrating his transformation", a condescending correction surrounding Generation X that is incorrect, a picture of Deadpool that suggests Mr. Sinister is the one pictured--!...)It seems to have been written with lazy, cursory research, and an emphasis on tying itself into the then-current X-Men movies, as that seems to be the major extent of its (as a result, extremely incorrect) knowledge about Lady Deathstrike, for example.Packaged nicely and with some nice art, but since the information inside is questionable at best, that's all there is to be said for it, as any information should be thoroughly scrutinized and compared to more accurate information, negating any use as a dandy little guide. Not worth the time at all, nor certainly the original cover price, or many of the used prices.

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