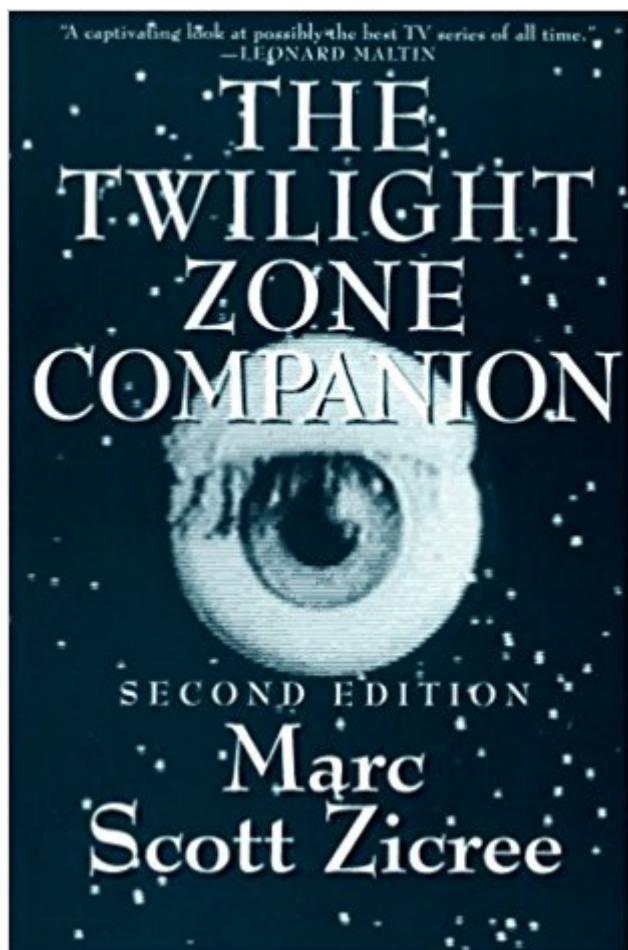


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The Twilight Zone Companion



Synopsis

"The Twilight Zone" has captivated, teased and haunted the imaginations of countless millions of viewers from its 1959 debut through its 156 subsequent episodes and many years of steady rebroadcast.

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Customer Reviews

The Twilight Zone Companion is one of the finest examinations of a television series. Author Marc Scott Zicree spent five years researching and writing what is without a doubt the definitive look at this classic horror-fantasy-science fiction show. (The series originally ran from 1959 to 1965, but is still seen in syndication around the world.) Not only is the book an exhaustive episode-by-episode guide, but the author apparently interviewed every living soul who was ever associated with the show. It's quite likely that creator Rod Serling, who died before the book saw publication in 1982, would have been suitably impressed by the respect and dedication that clearly went into this labor of love. Zicree later revised and expanded The Twilight Zone Companion for a second edition in 1989, and discusses both the briefly revived series and the feature film based on the show. --Stanley Wiater

From its signature theme song, to its many memorable images, to its very name, Rod Serling's The Twilight Zone is ingrained in our collective conscious like no other TV show. In this 40th-anniversary, updated edition of his 1982 American Book Award-nominated volume, Zicree

takes readers through every episode of the show's five seasons (1959-64). In addition to credits and plot synopses, the author provides background on each episode, along with numerous pictures. Essential for all Zone fansAand who isn't one? Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.

I can see from my history that I bought this book in 2008. I still searched the house to pull it out for the annual SyFy Twilight Zone Marathon. I love looking up the stories behind the episode. It is a little hard to find episodes in the book if you don't know the title or exactly which episode, but it is worth the hunt. I still enjoy using this book as a reference and very grateful to the author that he took the time to write it.

This book is excellent. It has the plot line, cast and comments from every single episode of the series. It even tells you little secrets that you didn't know. If you are a Twilight Zone fan like I am, you will buy this book and add it to your collection. Very interesting and informative.

If you are a fan of this series, you will find that you do with this book the same as when you get into a discussion with other TZ lovers--recollection of one leads to another, to another, to another. While I wouldn't read this cover to cover on first blush, you WILL find that you will recall other episodes you liked/loved and will have to read those too. Good synopsis, technical info, and pictures. I have one, and have given this as a gift. I recommend this book!

The book has some great information and I love the episode guide. But don't read about episodes you haven't seen as this book definitely contains spoilers. Also, I think the author is unnecessarily critical of some episodes in his analysis. Still, this is a must have for any avid Zone fan.

Listing of episodes doesn't match sequence on complete DVD set. If you are a fan you will love this book.

A great companion when watching the Twilight Zone series. Full of interesting information for a true fan.

Zicree did a great job on this book. To date no one has done better, and perhaps no one ever will. This is the definitive "general info" book on the Twilight Zone! As many people have mentioned, this just isn't a presentation of dry textual information (for that - try the "A Critical History of Television's

the Twilight Zone, 1959-1964" ISBN: 0786404485), and the author is very opinionated. But why should this detract from the book? Of course, when you offer opinions about the episodes (which many fondly remember from childhood - and don't enjoy reading about the flaws - especially picky and/or subjective gripes) you are taking a chance. But if you want to see "picky", then go to one of the Twilight Zone websites and check out a message board. Widely varying opinions abound and are encouraged (as they should be!). One person's very favorite #1 episode is another's last place dog. And many of these people are all too willing to flame Zicree for offering praise and spending several pages for his favorites, and little coverage for the ones he didn't like???. I've actually purchased THREE of these books. My first one fell apart because I wore it out! The 2nd and 3rd were purchased as a replacement for #1, and to get a "revised edition" (that really wasn't updated, and didn't correct mistakes in the previous edition...oh well). If you want to know about the Twilight Zone....look no further. This is the best "guidebook" for your imaginative adventure!

I have the 1st edition book club hard cover published in 1982 and purchased the 1989 2nd edition in 2005. After all of these years I find myself still checking for information and trivia. The 2nd edition has 20 additional pages with information about the 2nd TV series, the movie AND a better index -- listing the actors this time as well as the episode titles. I recommend this book for anyone who has the slightest interest in the original Twilight Zone series. There is wonderful information about each episode plus additional mention of the episodes in other parts of the book -- things you would never know. There is so much background information regarding the actors, the writers, regarding the politics (i.e., "reds under the bed"), at the time, etc.

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