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The Essential Supernatural [Revised And Updated Edition]: On The Road With Sam And Dean Winchester



Synopsis

Go back on the road with Sam and Dean Winchester in this revised and updated edition of the best-selling *The Essential Supernatural*. Filled with interviews with the cast and crew of the hit show, stunning behind-the-scenes-imagery and art, and a wealth of thrilling removable items, this updated version includes new chapters on seasons 8 and 9 and a preview of the upcoming season 10. This deluxe edition dissects the show season by season, state by state, tracking the Winchester brothers as they travel across the U.S. in their distinctive classic car. Join them as they hunt all those things that go bump in the night, seek vengeance on the Yellow-Eyed Demon that killed their parents, deal with the Knights of Hell, and stop the bona fide Apocalypse! Illustrated with full-color images, behind-the-scenes photos, exclusive production art, and other elements—such as continuity photos and even the covers of the in-universe *Supernatural* novels by Chuck Shurley—this is the ultimate guide to *Supernatural* for the show's legion of fans.

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Customer Reviews

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I think from the title you could gather two things. One, that I'm a fan of the series and horray another

piece of merch. Or Two: This book was just that damn good. It was both. This book is for the DIE hard fans I can tell you now because of all the behind the scenes info and GEORGIOUS pictures. And included are insider references, and a guide of episodes/characters/actors and goes all the way up to season 7 (we at the time of this review are airing Season 8). It is an expensive and LARGE book. hard cover with a jacket. When removing the beautiful cover jacket, you can see a simple yet fitting old fashioned bound book facade of the actual cover in a brownish color. You will need to make room on a tall shelf to accommodate it, unless you intend to put it on the coffee table. The book is like all of the companion books in that it gives you details about the show as well as the true insider knowledge. It is just detailed and very well put together. A VERY VERY special bonus is that there are things in there for the reader to take out. Such as these little "postcard" type photos of the cast. However, they are SO glued in that even though they are intended to come out, DON'T. I've already ripped one of the pictures in the book and dented the card. It is better to just carefully lift them up to see what is underneath rather than try to take them out. Then there are the easily recognized insider jokes carried out in things like a religious air freshener in a tiny bag for us in the Impala chapter, a folder of book cover posters that CAN be taken out and hung up from Carver "Chuck" Elund, and at the VERY back, a poster of the road map of Sam and Dean. I know that I've taken away some of the surprises but I felt that I needed to because someone might make the same mistake I did in trying to remove some of these cards and thus damage their book. Besides, where are you going to end up putting them? Over all, this was AMAZING. It really, really shows dedication to the fans (read the intro by Eric Kripke I swear it is great!) and what we like/want. I was impressed and it is one of my treasures. I may honestly buy a second book to take all the cool stuff out of it ^^

I don't want to re-hash what many others have written here, but this book is amazing. I'm a professional bookbinder (fineblankbooks.com) and I make entirely handmade books custom-made to my customers specifications, so it's kinda hard to impress me with a mass-produced book. This one completely impressed me; both as a beautiful book/object and as someone with a probably slightly over-the-top love for this show. I've watched this show since episode 1 and feel I pretty much know it inside and out and this book has so much great info. in it! It's NOT just a book full of beautiful photos of Jared & Jensen (though it has plenty of those too). My favorite parts are the sections that deal with the behind-the-scenes stuff and I especially can't wait to read the section about what goes into the creation of the hotel room sets (I've always been a bit fascinated with how they came up with the distinctive look to the hotel rooms which is definitely unique to this show). You've already read (in the other reviews here) about all the stuff that comes with the book

that you can pull out. That's all very cool (though when I received the book, the envelope of posters of the Chuck Shurley book covers had already pulled off the page in transit and taken some of the image with it...luckily, I can do book repair! But it's bad for a book - bad for the binding - to have something that thick shoved into it and I'll probably re-attach the envelope to the page, but leave the folded posters out of it when it's stored; just keep them near it instead of in it). From a bookbinder's perspective, this book is actually SEWN together (in folded sections called "signatures") which is a rarity anymore (often, even large coffee-table books that are mass-produced are glued together instead of sewn). This allows the book to lay open flat and is really the best way to make a book. There's nothing I hate more than paying a lot for a book only to get it and find out it was cheaply assembled. This one was not. (And it helped that 's price on this book was \$37 when I ordered it instead of the \$50 sticker price; though it's worth \$50, in my opinion!). There is a lot of attention to detail in the look and content of this book. I mentioned that it was bad for the binding to have stuff attached to the pages (it adds thickness to the book that puts stress on the spine over time), HOWEVER, with the exception of the thick packet of Chuck Shurley posters, the other things that are attached to the pages are spread around; attached in different places on different pages (they aren't all attached to the center of the pages, for example) and if you're going to attach things to the pages, this is the RIGHT way to do it! It means that no one area of the book ends up with excess thickness...this is the kind of attention to details I'm talking about...someone who designed it knew what they were doing! The only negative comment as far as the binding of this book goes is that it seems that the publisher left out the step of adding backing cloth which reinforces the area where the cover "hinges" open. Publishers often skip this step to save money, but it means that the only thing holding the book into the cover are the endpapers glued to the inside of the front & back covers. It's slightly disappointing to see that they skipped this step with they put so much thought into everything else, but it's more important that the book is sewn together than that they skipped the backing cloth, in my opinion. I recommend, if you are a fan of Supernatural, that you should purchase this book immediately while it's still widely available. It's so much more than a book full of glossy photos. Awesome (as Dean would say)!

This is an excellent book for any Supernatural fan. I ordered this expecting a basic coffee table book with a few obligatory blurbs praising everyone involved with the show and some pretty pictures. You get that the blurbs and yes, the pretty pictures, too, but you get much more than that as well! Included throughout the book are little 'extras' that were a pleasant surprise--a mini car air freshener, two sheets of sticker decals featuring symbols and logos featured on the show (like for

Plucky Pennywhistle's!), several mini-posters of the Carver Edlund book covers as seen in Season 5, a map with places the boys have been--and more. The book itself is large, too, so you're not peering at the pictures trying to make anything out. Overall I was very pleasantly surprised with the book and look forward to paging through and discovering each and every hidden goodie inside.

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