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Relive the movie magic with this hardcover guide, which includes essential information about all the main characters of the film!

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Vanessa says

Gave me a little more info for watching the movie. Mostly fluff.

Joan says

I know that I shelved this on several shelves that should be mutually exclusive. I'll explain. It is fiction, of course but movies do get a nonfiction number in the Dewey Decimal system. My library has this book as juvenile but I actually think this movie would be more interesting to adults than kids. It is a fun read and made me aware of a few things I had missed in the movie or forgotten. I certainly hope the sequel comes out in December of this year! The book is nicely put together with mostly good choices of photos. There were a few photos that could have been better picked though.

Anniek says

This had a lot of beautiful pictures, but there could have been more interesting facts.

Isabella says

Actual rating: 3.5 stars

Kai says

If you've seen the movie you don't need the book. There's no additional or new information in it, not even - and that was the most disappointing thing - wand details.

In a nutshell: it's nice but if you consider buying this book, don't spend any money on it.

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Danni The Girl says

It was ok. Didn't really need to go into detail about the characters' clothes, but it was a nice refresher of information since seeing the film

Vicky the Cat Lady says

The Fantastic Beasts & Where to Find them is a MUST see, easily one of the best films of 2016. I'm Potter-head through and through and watched it no less than 3 times in theatres. I devoured the screenplay for the movie in an evening, and still, I'm completely head-over-heels in love with this new universe and extension to the wizarding world of Harry Potter fandom. I'm a huge huge huge merch collector (but I'm also a thrifty gal who doesn't drop my cash whenever I see anything that makes me go "AGHH MY GAHD HARRY POTTER.", which is good, 'cuz if I went with that reaction I'd be BEYOND broke right now.) **The Fantastic Beasts Character Guide** is not, however, a must read. I've paged through this book, **The Fantastic Beasts Character Guide** at Books-A-Million and Barnes & Nobles, but never actually read-read it, until today, where we got in a copy at the library I work at.

First of all, I gotta say as far as content this book is *kind of a bummer*. Sure, there's an abundance of **glossy, detailed, full colour photos of the characters throughout** and the graphic design layout of the pages is pretty darn legit and easy on the eyes, but any kind of **BONUS content** is non existent. I was fervently hoping for another kind of *Harry Potter Page to Screen: The Complete Filmmaking Journey* -- aka one of the best, most bad ass behind the scenes books out there, a tome that's bigger than even Hogwarts a History and chock full of photographs, concept sketches, handwritten notes from J.K. Rowling, interviews with the cast and extensive insight and commentary from each of the four directors who had a hand in bringing Harry's journey to life on the big screen.

Instead **The Fantastic Beasts Character Guide** is very vanilla. There's *no finesse to the writing, no kind of narrative structure, instead it rehashes the entire plot of the movie* I know, I know! There's absolutely **nothing new to be gleaned from this guide. It's a lifeless handbook that just lists out obvious facts about the characters**. Even as the die hard fan I am, I can't justify buying this. Sure, if I had a daughter aged 10 or younger, I'd get her this book in a heartbeat because the writing style is *very suitable for early/emerging readers*. It's a real shame that the author didn't take it a step further and add in any soundbites from the actors. There are no fun little anecdotes in here, or behind-the-scenes tidbits that went into making this film, it's just a straightforward guide through and through. Disappointing. But hey, at least we have *Harry Potter Page to Screen* !!!!!

Sophie says

"Fantastyczne zwierzęta i jak je znaleźć. Galeria postaci" to drugi z dostępnych w Polsce książkowych dodatków do ww. filmu (scenariuszu do nich nie zaliczam).

Wydana w twardej oprawie książeczka ma niespełna 150 stron. Przeczytanie jej, a właściwie przejrzenie to najwyżej 30-40 minut. Idealna do spokojnego czytania!

Wstęp jest właściwie taki sam, jak w "Magicznym przewodniku po filmie", ale i autor jest ten sam.

Powtarza się wiele informacji, ale znajdzie się parę nieznanych szczegółów o bohaterach, których mogliśmy zobaczyć na ekranie tylko przelotem. Możliwe nawet, że nie padło w filmie nawet to imię! A przynajmniej ja nie wybrałam z dwóch, czy trzech. Różnicą tych smaczków jest zapewne sama J. K. Rowling, ponieważ obie książki są oficjalne czyści J. K. Rowling's Wizarding World.

Ponownie raz jeszcze dziecinny styl opowiadania o bohaterach, czyste powtórzenia i o zgrozo też jakości wydruk. Fotografie są bardzo ciemne i niejednokrotnie po prostu niewyraźne lub ziarniste. Nie wygląda to

zbyt dobrze, zwłaszcza przy 35 zdjęciach za 145 stron, które w większości są zdjęciami z filmu lub sesji do niego. Sumiennie ostrzegam, że choć nie da się po prostu nie dotykać stron przy ich przewracaniu, to trzeba uważać, ponieważ robi się od razu łady palców.

Na końcu "Galerii postaci" znajduje się za to obfity graficzny dodatek mini plakatów z bohaterami oraz magicznymi zwierzętami. Nic tylko powiesić na ścianie tego ślicznego niuchacza!

Ogólnie rzecz biorąc polskie dodatki do "Fantastycznych zwierząt" niekoniecznie mnie powaliły, choć lepsze to niż nic, biorąc pod uwagę, że do filmów o Harrym Przewodnikach czy cokolwiek innego się nie doczekaliśmy.

6/10

Jemma says

Kinda dumb, but it's Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them, so whatever.

Kirra says

I can't rate it too harshly because the audience for this book is clearly for children but I still think a child or young adult would be disappointed with the content in this book. The description of the book says it "includes essential information about all the main characters of the film" but actually 95% of the information was already in the film and nothing new to discover.

The Character Guide relayed all of the information we found out throughout the movie but it was also very condensed so there wasn't even much to read. I feel like there was more information they could have pulled from Pottermore and J.K. Rowling but maybe the creators of this book didn't have much to do with any of the creators of the movie.

One thing I did enjoy was the page of the wands because I hadn't seen a close-up image of any of their wands and I found Newt's and Queenie's wands fascinating in detail. There was also one thing that was either cut from the film or too quick for me to notice but I didn't realise Jacob had a fiancée that left him early on in the movie so that was a good fact that I learned from reading this book.

I'd recommend this book to children around the age of seven to twelve.

TinTin Kalaw says

Nice to have/read but not really *that* necessary. The included pictures and art were amazing tho :)

Meghan says

This book takes a look at all the characters in the film and goes into a bit of detail on each. Some characters

get more coverage than others, but every character is accounted for. For those who very much enjoyed the movie, this book is a lovely companion to not only read about them and what they wear, but to also catch a glimpse of who these characters are as people. The book tells its reader a little backstory into the characters that you may not get from the film, as well as what their philosophies are. It's crafty with lots of pictures from the movie as well as some artwork that is really well done. For a character guide it's comprehensive and very easy to read with lots of images.

Donna says

Like a previous reviewer, it lacked additional information, especially with the wands. Which wood was used? And what beast hairs were used? We simply do not know. That info could be in a different book though. You know, because they like to rinse you of money.

I was also hoping for more info about the Beasts. But the 'character guide' title only applies to humans, with a side dish of the Obscurus. Beast discrimination (sarcasm).

However I LOVED the movie stills, and the additional art in the back of the book.

Ashley Marsh says

Dumb.

Hannah Patterson says

Visually, this book contains pictures of each main character in the movie, "Fantastic Beasts," and of their defining clothing articles and possessions they each have throughout the movie. This book could serve as a model text for students to pick a character in a novel, or potentially either themselves or another person, and profile them. Written within the book are character overviews for each featured character, descriptions of their significant clothing pieces and possessions, character philosophies, backgrounds, relationships, and defining moments for them as characters. Engaging in even one or two of these practices would allow students to explore a fictional or non-fictional perspective in-depth, allowing them to really look at one piece of a novel or real-life system in particular instead of the entire picture. This would relate to middle school students because they are very focused on creating themselves at this level, so exploring who a character or person is in-depth would be relevant to how their own identity and character compares and contrasts. This activity would additionally work well in conjunction with Kylene Beers's "character bulletin boards" strategy so the students can take part in the visual aspect of this model text as well.
