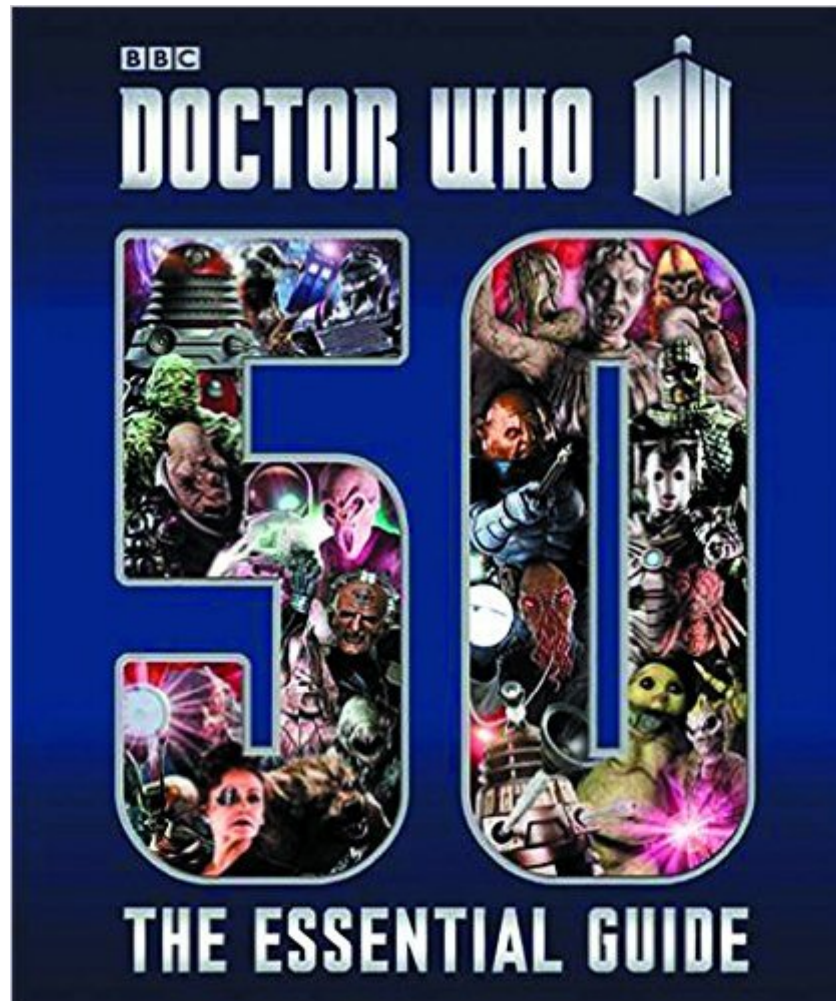


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This essential guide to fifty years of Doctor Who includes all eleven incarnations of the Doctor and fascinating facts on his adventures in space and time, as well as his helpful companions and fearsome foes. Find out all about the Doctor's TARDIS, his regenerations, and much, much more!

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We all know "that" guy ; the super fan that knows everything about what ever the topic is , in this case DoctorWho , and acts like it is all that matters , and even talks down to any other fan that doesnt know as much as they do about the subjectironically they dont usually dont know anything about anything else BUT Doctor Who .This is NOT the book for "that" guy , its "the" book for the rest of us who LOVE doctor who , but have lives and realize there is a world beyond a sci fi TV show .First what the book is NOT : the go to encyclopedia of DrWho , listing every character and tool and species , etc of the series . It does NOT give you a super indepth discription of every episode . It does NOT talk over your head , or expect you to be "that " guy to understand the material inside . This book does NOT cover all the "making of" , or behind the scenes drama that went into the shows , if you are looking for that , you can find several other books , which usually appeal to "that" guy .What the book IS : Each doctor is covered in their own section . each section covers just one doctor , with a brief 2 paragraph introduction about who the doctor "is" , how he compares to the last one , and a briefe paragraph or 2 about the actor who was chosen . Next , each section lists all the episodes that doctor stared in durring his tenure in the part . This is

followed by a brief listing of some of the more important episodes that doctor was in with a paragraph or 2 about them . Next is a list of the companions for that doctor along with a brief blurb about the character and when they came in and left the doctors company .

It's important to keep in mind that the word essential has two very different meanings. One meaning is indispensable/mandatory/vital/significant. This book is none of those things. The other meaning of 'essentials' is the basics/groundwork/foundation. That is what this book means when it calls itself the 'essential' guide. It is designed for fans of the new show who know nothing about the original show. While the artwork is certainly beautiful, the text leaves much to be desired. Considering what little of it there is, it is surprising how repetitious the text is. A few examples will suffice: Page 7 = 'Originally Doctor Who was intended to alternate between science fiction and historical drama.' Page 17 = 'When Doctor Who first started, stories alternated between science fiction and historical adventures.' Page 30 = 'Jamie and Zoe were sent back to their own times by the Time Lords with no memory of their adventures with the Doctor after their first encounter.' Page 38 = 'The Time Lords wiped Jamie's and Zoe's memory of all but their first adventure with the Doctor.' Page 58 = 'The Fourth Doctor was an often lonely wanderer in eternity.' Page 79 = 'The Fourth Doctor was once again a wanderer. He once told Sarah that he walks in eternity.' Page 87 = 'Actress Nicola Bryant who played Peri is not American.' Page 132 = 'Daphne Ashbrook was the first American performer to be cast as a companion (Nicola Bryant who played Peri is from Surrey.)' The book also contains some factual errors (claiming that Kamelion's missing scene was to have been in 'Frontios' when in fact it was to have been in 'The Awakening') and also at times can be incomplete.

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