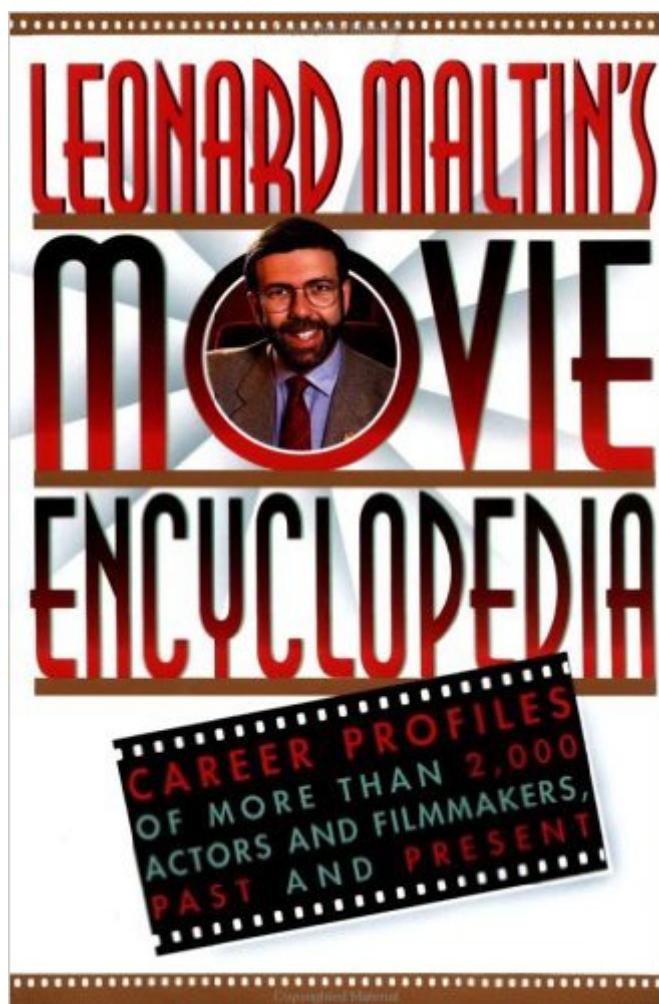


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Synopsis

"Leonard Maltin's Movie Encyclopedia" is an essential addition for every movie fan's bookshelf - preferably right next to the TV set and VCR, where it can be propped up beside, and used in tandem with, his bestselling, annually updated "Movie & Video Guide"

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Customer Reviews

Initially about a year ago I made the mistake of following the other reviews which panned the book, and did not buy it. I then gradually realized that some of my favorite short bios on IMDB.com were excerpted from Maltin's Encyclopedia. Of course at that point I bought it. There are few, if any, other volumes that quickly give you the sum-up and low-down on 2,000 movie industry people. To say the book has errors and omissions is to me ridiculous...a perfect book would cost a few thousand dollars. Meanwhile, IMDB.com is available as a backstop for searching out hundreds of thousands of details, which wouldn't fit in a reasonably sized volume anyway. Generally speaking, I've gone wrong far more often in rejecting something based on a review or an opinion about a book, movie, etc., than in consuming something recommended -- you can always bail out if a recommender was wrong.

I can't believe Leonard Maltin would put his name on this compilation of misinformation. He must be spreading himself too thin and hiring interns to do his writing. This book is so full of wrong dates, films, facts--I hope if he comes out with a second edition, Maltin hires someone to go over it with a

fine-toothed comb and make corrections. I expected better of him!

As a confirmed habitual movie watcher, this book was a much-welcomed addition to my library. Actually, it never made it to my library, as I have it next to my favorite TV chair, right under the TV Guide. I've never seen anything else with such concise thumbnail bios, just the facts. Yes, many stars are not included, such a book would be impossible to pick up. I did miss some oldies such as Marge & Gower Champion. The content is 5-stars, but I deducted 1-star for the book's dire need of updating: additions such as Chris Cooper, Matthew McConaughey, Gwyneth Paltrow and Jeremy Northam, etc. But I wouldn't want to be the one to decide who gets removed to include these new additions!

This is a an extremely informative book on film professionals. Loaded with fascinating facts, it constantly provides interesting information which entertains as well as informs. Maltin's dependable appreciation and high standards for film craft shine through in each entry. A most commendable source of information on key motion picture personnel.

Great (but somewhat dated) thumb-nail biographies of the people who were genuine "movie stars" when I was"alive". Johnny Depp and Brad Pitt are about the only two I recognize today. Great read if you are into the movie biz and the stories of the people you often see on the free (antenna) cable channels. I would recommend it for those over 60 and went to the movies. Definitely a "nostalgia" trigger and most enjoyable. I wish Mr. Maltin and one of his young associates would come up with an updated version, but maybe there just are too many one hit wonders today to fill up the book.

Note when ordering that there is only one version of this book - and it was first printed in 1994. And this is not apparent from the writeup on . I already had this book - but recently ordered two copies assuming it was a new version. I was very disappointed that it was the same book I already had. The fact that the book is so old and missing all movies and information from the past 10 years makes this not as worthwhile as one would expect from Maltin.

My husband really loved this item but is HIGHLY disappointed that there is no updated version! Come on Leonard...8 years missing and you still do an annual Movie Guide? Please consider an update to this really informative work.

This book was great when I got it...10 years ago. Although Mr. Maltin's Movie Encyclopedia is enjoyable to read, it is extremely outdated and there needs to be a new edition. For readers looking for some info on their favorite classic movie star, chances are you'll probably find a bio on him/her. But for recent actors, no luck.

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