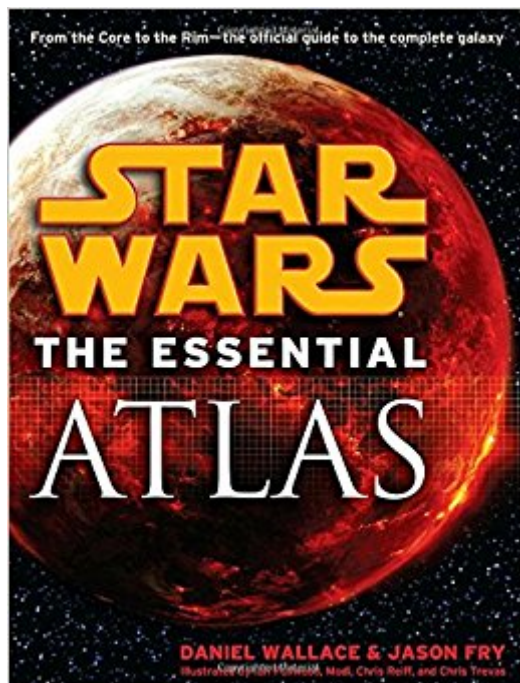


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# Star Wars: The Essential Atlas



## Synopsis

Navigate the Star Wars universe as you never have before—[with this fully illustrated, full-color guide that maps the entire galaxy.](#) You know the planets—from Alderaan and Corellia to Tatooine and Zonama Sekot—and the star systems, from the Deep Core to the Outer Rim. But now, for the first time, you can pinpoint their locations and chart the travels of your favorite characters through the vast reaches of space. *Star Wars: The Essential Atlas* is a galaxy-spanning trove of vital statistics and information ranging from the astronomical and geographical (“Systems, Sectors, Oversectors, and Regions”) to the historical and political (“The Sith Empire” and “The Great Hyperspace War”). Encompassing the entire Star Wars canon, including all the films, and the Clone Wars television series, plus the novels, comic books, video games, and more, this volume is packed with dozens of detailed maps and charts, as well as pertinent data and accompanying facts on the Empire: its length and breadth, political regions, populations, trade routes, major attractions, and trouble spots; the Clone Wars: the trajectory of this decisive conflict across the universe, data on key battles and major Loyalist and Separatist worlds; the adventures of Han Solo: the heroic rogue’s exploits throughout the galaxy—including his captaincy of the Millennium Falcon and his first, fateful meeting with Chewbacca—before his life-changing alliance with Luke Skywalker and Obi-Wan Kenobi; the Sith Wars: the progression of the universal clash between the ancient Jedi Order, their dark side counterparts, and the Mandalorian warriors who fought against both orders; and much, much more. From Hutt Space to the Unknown Regions, from the Knights of the Old Republic and Episode I to the Fate of the Jedi and Legacy era, *Star Wars: The Essential Atlas* is the ultimate gateway to space fantasy’s most brilliantly imagined and endlessly intriguing galaxy.

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## Customer Reviews

Daniel Wallace is the New York Times bestselling author of *Star Wars: The New Essential Guide to Characters* as well as a dozen more books that explore the underpinnings of the Star Wars universe, such as *Star Wars: The New Essential Chronology* and *The Complete Star Wars Encyclopedia*. He is a regular contributor to *Star Wars Insider* magazine and assembled the questions used in the *Star Wars Trivial Pursuit* game. In addition to his contributions to the galaxy far, far away, he has written for universes including *Indiana Jones*, *Smallville*, *DC Comics*, and *Marvel Comics*, with books including *The Marvel Encyclopedia*, *The DC Comics Encyclopedia*, and *The Art of Superman Returns*. Jason Fry is a writer in Brooklyn, New York, where he lives with his wife, son, and about a metric ton of Star Wars stuff. He is the author of *The Clone Wars Visual Guide*, *The Clone Wars: Ultimate Battles*, and *The Clone Wars: Official Episode Guide: Season 1*, and has written extensively for the *Star Wars Insider* magazine and *Wizards of the Coast*.

I bought this book because I wanted to start reading some of the Star Wars novels again, but was intimidated by how much the Expanded Universe has grown in the past decade. I remembered how much I liked the "essential" Star Wars guides when I was younger. Sadly, these books are also become somewhat redundant - with wikipedia - or Wookieepedia - nowadays, you can easily find information about the major Star Wars characters, species, and ships on the internet. Fortunately, *Star Wars: The Essential Atlas* is different. Unlike many other "essential" books, it is actually pretty essential if you really want to understand the galaxy. This isn't simply a bunch of pretty pictures (like the *The New Essential Guide to Vehicles and Vessels*). Rather, it is a collection of maps demarcating the borders of the major political groups and plotting the routes the main characters took in the movies and Expanded Universe. Finally, you can see where Tatooine, Hoth, and Endor fall in relation to each other. This is particularly useful if you want to understand some of the more convoluted military campaigns, such as the Thrawn series. There's absolutely nothing on the web that provides this level of information and detail. The book also has a section featuring several important planets - almost like the older *The Essential Guide to Planets and Moons*, but much better and with great renditions of the planets. My only minor complaint is that it doesn't have a small picture of the native species to go with each planet. But,

then again, that'd probably way too much for one book. I'd say if you get any one Star Wars reference, make sure it's this one. It's actually very useful. Oh, and by the way, it does have some awesome, unique artwork (I love the realistic clone emperor), but that's only a bonus. This is first and foremost a reference.

Quite simply, The Essential Atlas is the most detailed, heavily-researched, and informative Star Wars Essential Guide to date. It creates precise locations for planets for a shared continuity that wasn't even originally supposed to have planetary locations, because of the difficulty involved. Eventually a basic outline of the galaxy's locations was created for the New Jedi Order series, but The Essential Atlas is the first to nail down the locations with a grid system, and it works. You can even use it to track where characters in a novel or the movies are going in relation to the galaxy as a whole. There are also expanded profiles of various planets, such as those from the movies, the better-known ones from the Expanded Universe, and a few from both Clone Wars series. Just as important as the atlas aspects, however, is the historical information. Much of the Atlas is filled with history of conquest and events over 25,000 years of Star Wars history, accompanied by maps of the galaxy and the spread of influence. This makes it sort of like a new New Essential Chronology, only with more concrete "facts" via the charts and exact dates given for some events, courtesy of Star Wars timeline enthusiast Nathan Butler. The artwork is also great. The illustrations are done in the style of those in "The Essential Guide to the Force," and often serve to give a realistic look to many characters which were previously only found in comics or books. Overall, I would recommend this book to anyone with the slightest interest in the Star Wars galaxy.

When I purchased this I didn't expect to be as impressed as I was. A guide like this is a difficult, painful undertaking. But Daniel Wallace and Jason Fry do an outstanding job of balancing history, raw geography, and interesting planetary data into an entertaining and incredibly useful guide. The Galaxy Map in the first chapter alone is almost worth the price. Coupled with the grid system it introduces and the index in the back, locating just where a planet is becomes much simpler than hunting along the circles of the various sectors, hoping to stumble across the planet you're looking for. A larger poster of this would be an item I'd purchase a few copies of. If you run Star Wars at all, you need this book. Hyperspace time calculations used to be a wild shot in the dark. With this in hand, you've finally got a logical route you can plan out. But even non-roleplayers will find this a handy reference and a good read.

It is a very good guide to planets in Star Wars. It was exactly what I needed. Nice condition too and shipping was fast.

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I just got this in today first i must say i was impressed that the book is bigger then i thought it would be a very nice size! The maps are pretty nice in it and its very nice to have a nice section of full page overviews of many of the planets. It details various sectors of space and not only that also provides a very detailed history walk through covering everything from the Old Republic (and events of the Knights of the Old Republic too!) but nice details of each star wars movie too. It really is a nice overall overview of Star Wars for those who are fans really nicely done and i am very impressed! Anyone who is a Star Wars fan and interested in the history and locations should definatly check it out. Its even good for those who are planning to get the Old Republic too! Great stuff!

Just... Wow!

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