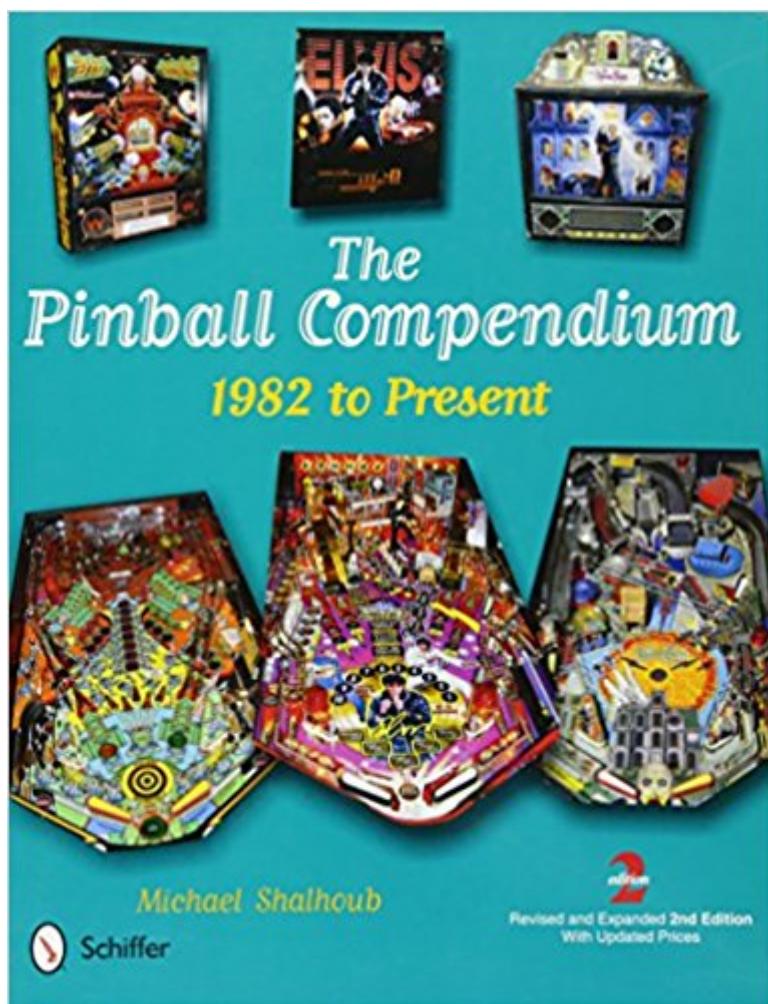


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The Pinball Compendium: 1982 To Present



Synopsis

Eagerly anticipated, this update of the highly regarded third book from pinball author Michael Shalhoub includes over 900 color photos and covers the most recent period in pinball history, from 1982 through 2011. Each chapter is devoted to a specific year and features descriptions, release dates, and historical background on the games released that year from manufacturers Gottlieb, Williams, Bally, Data East, Stern, Sega, and others. Current values are listed for each machine shown in the book. Interspersed with the games are stories and interviews with many of the legendary designers and artists who created them. Readers will gain fascinating insight into the planning that went into the games, how the designers and artists got their start in the industry, behind-the-scenes tales of life in the pinball world, and more. Michael Shalhoub's Pinball Compendium is a great documentary of our business, says designer Steve Ritchie of the second book in the trilogy. Along with its two companion volumes (the first covering the 1930s-1960s and the second covering 1970-1981), this book is a must-have for all who love the sights and sounds of the world's great pinball machines.

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Customer Reviews

Michael Shalhoub has over 400 pinball machines in his collection. He is the author of four volumes on pinball machines from the 1930s through today.

Pinball lover really likes it, has all three now.

Lot's of personal notes and interview comments fill this book that are interwoven with the description and data on each machine. I wasn't looking for the career stories of the movers and shakers of the Pinball industry, just facts and figures on each machine, to see if I wanted to consider adding one to my collection. Still, a good book and worth picking up.

The book does go into more detail of the problems/downfall of the companies involved in the machines. The graphics are always good. I think that this book could have elaborated more on the foreign manufacturers of European countries. The downturn of the market of the 80's and rebirth of the 90's, then a total shift by 2000 was enhanced with a movement away from the traditional American manufacturers.

Page paper is top quality so therefore the well photographed pictures are equally excellent. Author's comments are bolstered with interviews with those who created the machines. Some machines I was interested in were not mentioned in as much detail as others that were favorites of Shalhoub. Certainly a quality book with the money.

This is one of the best pinball books I've ever read. Enjoy reading about the games, designers, and some interesting tidbits. However, there are a few reasons I won't give it 5 stars as this is the 2nd edition of the book. I was hoping the book would correct some of the games left out of the index in the earlier edition, have improved photos of a few games that are poorly focused or don't have a good photo of the playfield. All that really happens from the 1st to 2nd edition is updating the Stern games released up to 2011 and a preview of Wizard of OZ pinball. Other than that, nothing different from the 1st to the 2nd edition.

this book proved invaluable giving some useful info by putting all tables in a book series, makes finding a new machine that much easier. I just wish they had gone into details on some of the rules in the game for the tables

The pinball compendium trilogy is great. History is 5 stars (maybe too long). I would've prefer more and better pictures. We, who buy this books, are fans of pinball machines, so we want to see good pictures. Lack of graphic design. Poor design overall.

Great pinball book! Very good pictures and story about pinballs from 1982 to present. If you're a

pinball lover, you must have one.

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