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LEGO Space: Building The Future



Synopsis

"An incredible fantasy universe." â "Space.com"Nothing could be more awesome." â "Wired ScienceCome explore an incredible LEGO® universe in LEGO Space: Building the Future. Spaceships, orbital outposts, and new worlds come to life in this unique vision of the future, built completely from LEGO bricks.A selection of 10 step-by-step building instructions will have you constructing your own cosmic creations to play with at home. Marvel at interstellar battlecruisers, space pirates, charming robots, and other stunning builds from an amazing future!

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Customer Reviews

LEGO Space: Building The Future, is an absolute masterpiece. Fans who recall the extremely popular LEGO Space theme from the 80â™s are in for an updated treat that nearly defies definition. Yet for any LEGO space or sci-fi fan, this book delivers more than 200 pages of building instructions and interstellar eye candy that make this book a must buy.This book is receiving five stars not just because of the overall content quality, but because itâ™s like four books in one:1. Classic LEGO space fans will thoroughly enjoy seeing modern evolutions of their favorite theme, complete with the âœLLâ• starship designation from the past. Never before have gray, blue and yellow LEGO bricks looked so cool. And as for fans of classic space sub themes like Ice Planet, Blacktron, Space Police and others, fret not. Reid and Goddard have tactfully included these themes, too, veiled in such a manner as to not infringe upon LEGO trademarks.2. Builders of all skill

levels and ages will love the well-rendered, step-by-step instructions of around a dozen space creations ranging from the soviet era Sputnik to a creepy space worm. The cool factor here is that the creations evolve from a sort of "you view it, you do it" motif. You actually feel like you can relive portions of the books' loose storyline-- which is described next-- by pausing to build a drop ship, robotic turtle or survey robot.³ Sci-fi fans and builders alike will enjoy the fact that this book includes a lot of narrative. Every creation has a story to go with it that far exceeds the insights provided by any previous LEGO book.

Disclaimer: I received a free review copy from No Starch Press. I was very excited to read this book because space has always been one of my favorite LEGO themes. In some ways this book exceeded my expectations, particularly in the way that it pays homage to the old LEGO themes of classic space, ice planet, Blacktron, and Space Police, while creating things that are new and different. The book is different from most LEGO books I can think of in that it tells a fictional story, starting from the US space program in the 1960s (Neil Armstrong's footprint on the moon on p.7 is particularly nice) through to the distant future. It uses photographs of LEGO to illustrate this science fiction, as well as 3d renderings of the step-by-step instructions on how to build some of the models. These instructions are the only real ways in which the "fourth wall" of the fictional universe is broken. The story is a neat excuse for the authors to bring in elements from the various themes that I mentioned, starting with classic space ("The Federation" pp. 20-59). If you're unfamiliar with this theme, see

http://lego.wikia.com/wiki/Classic_Space?file=Classic_Space_1979.jpg. The models that they show for this do a great job of keeping the color scheme (yellow, blue, grey) of the builds, while adding much more sophistication and detail than were ever present in the original sets. The story continues on to Ice planet (see e.g. http://lego.wikia.com/wiki/Ice_Planet_2002), which this story renames as "Inhospitable Climate Engineers (ICE)" (pp.62-85). This was one of my favorite themes growing up, and I love how the authors have retained the blue, white, and orange color scheme in their builds, while introducing entirely new concepts, such as the ICE robots (pp. 76-77).

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