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LEGO Space: Building The Future



Synopsis

Come 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 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

First, I have to say that I was already familiar with many of the models in this book, having seen both on Flickr and linked from other LEGO fan sites. It cannot be argued that these models are some of the most amazing AFOL (Adult Fan Of LEGO) building today, especially if LEGO Classic Space holds a place in your heart. So when I found out that they had published a book that included instructions, I ordered it immediately. Having just received it, I can say the book is beautiful and a wonderful look into a fantasy world of LEGO Space that brings me back to my days building with my classic LEGO Space sets in the 1980's but with a huge influx of modern AFOL design influence.

And the models themselves are nothing short of breathtaking if you enjoy LEGO or LEGO Space. But it is disappointing that the included instructions are only for small builds on the micro scale. Because I was already familiar with the models built by the authors, I was hoping to get some insight into their building techniques. But not a single large example/model has build instructions, nor do any of the non-obvious join techniques used in them get any attention. In short, if you are not already capable of building at this level, you will not get much building insight from reading this book. And for me, that is a huge disappointment because I was hoping this would help me advance my own LEGO building skills. What I'm left with is a physical manifestation of things I already have access to from the web, albeit with much more fantasy context and back story added. While that context and back story makes the fantasy world these ships inhabit richer and fuller, I'm still left extremely disappointed because that's not why I bought the books. If I had known that before purchasing the book, it is likely I would not have done so.

This is such a neat book on so many levels. I read it the first night it arrived, then lent it to a friend who is into space physics. I'll retrieve it soon for a reread! The book is a fairly hefty full-color hardback which starts with a brief history of space exploration. It begins with Sputnik, and moves forward through some other major accomplishments like Voyager and Apollo. What a start! What a basis for a story! This is followed by a fun fiction story of the near future, when humanity awakens and steps out into the beyond all around us. The format is somewhat like a comic book or graphic novel, but with actual pictures of LEGO sculptures instead of drawings. Space ships of course, but also tense scenes of minifigures working or confronting problems, space colonies on distant worlds, and lots of robots, and a tiny bit of violence and sci-fi horror. The artist uses an absolute minimal amount of touch ups to the pictures, such as adding rocket plumes from engine nozzles, and some planetary and space images as backgrounds. It is mostly just beautiful images of actual physical LEGO creations, put together with an enthralling story. I found out about this book thanks to the author's successful and awesome LEGO Ideas "Exo Suit 21109" LEGO set (which comes with a pair of unique green suited space minifigs!). A slightly modified version of his Exo Suit features prominently in some parts of this story -- it's a shame more of the ships, vehicles, and sets are not available as LEGO sets. The book is interspersed with standard-style instructions for building select models (like Sputnik!), and showcases a large variety of building techniques and styles. Again, I would love to be able to click a button on the computer and purchase all the required parts. Come on LEGO Group -- let us order any parts in any quantity! The story itself is a stand-alone science fiction short about near future exploration and colonization of the solar system. Wonderful and

welcome view point on the proper future of genetics and robotics and AI. So often, in fiction, these are demonized by traditionalist Luddites (whom I take as hacks seeking populist sales, instead of contributing anything new). It is so refreshing to see science fiction embracing the hopes of scientists and engineers like myself. Yet not everything in the story is a bright and carefree utopia -- danger lurks and threatens in the blackness of space, and not just technical hurdles...There is a secret sub-story, which someone who has grown up with LEGO from the 1970s/1980s might recognize. It is a delightful twist, like revealing an unknown unexpected backstory to my entire childhood. Thank you Peter -- I didn't know the epochs fit together like that. Finally, I sincerely hope there are sequels or spinoffs. A detailed, full LEGO implementation of all of the existing space probes would be a good study. Our real space exploration has revealed so many exciting new places. Pluto is at last resolved beyond a blurry smudge, into ice mountains and fresh nitrogen glaciers. Enceladus and Titan beckon: the first with perpetually fresh snow from geysers spawned in subsurface oceans, and the latter with methane/ethane rivers and seas. We've started to "feel" when distant black holes merge. Psyche will be in close orbit of a giant iron-nickel asteroid, and SPP will graze the sun itself. And there are a lot of unclimbed and unskied peaks and walls on Mars and elsewhere. This is a new age of exploration, and books like this inspire, while showcasing a unique art.

A GREAT story and book for both adults who played with "CLASSIC Space" Legos as kids and children who are fans of Lego today. The builds are an excellent update of the ideas that came from the original Space Legos. The storyline, itself, is a masterpiece that would make a great standalone Lego Movie one day if the franchise ever became popular enough to spawn one-off sequels. Peter Reid should be very proud, he has taken a piece of shared history that millions of Lego fans have a part in and invented something gloriously new. P.S. Yes, there are instructions, and you can build the models!

This was an amazing read. I liked how the authors applied a narrative to space exploration in the LEGO universe. They start chronicling the history of human space exploration and then branch into what LEGO did with their sets over the years since the 80's. The authors show cased some amazing creations of their own and included instructions to build some of the vehicles show cased in this book. I can't wait for a sequel when they get around to it. In the mean time I look at their other creations on their Flickr feed.

This book is just an amazingly satisfying read from cover to cover. If you are a child of the 70s or 80s that ever played with a LEGO Space set, this book is most definitely for you. It ties together the themes of the first 10 to 15 years of LEGO Space into one cohesive and incredibly satisfying timeline, and the photography is out of this world. As an added bonus there are build instructions for at least a half dozen models, including Peter Reid's iconic Turtle Mech (a version of which was included in the recently released Exo Suit set). An essential tome for any self respecting LEGO Space fan.

If you are expecting a book loaded with space themed building instructions you will be disappointed. It is a great book for ideas. Lets just say you won't be "building the future" unless you want to put the book down and use your imagination. I bought this for use with my 5 yr old and it was of no use. We did read parts of it together and the pictures are nice.

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