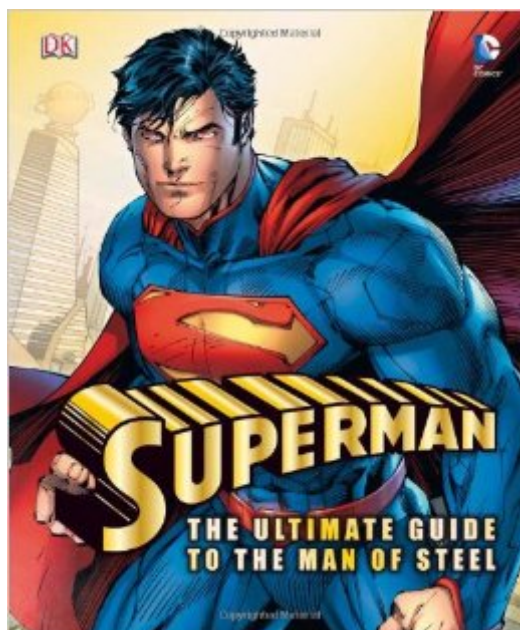


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# Superman: The Ultimate Guide To The Man Of Steel (Dk Superman)



## Synopsis

Readers can now get a comprehensive look at the complete Superman story from his birth on Krypton and arrival on Earth to his double life as a Daily Planet reporter and as one of the most famous super heroes ever in *Superman: The Ultimate Guide to the Man of Steel*. Featuring beautiful comic book art from some of the best artists of our time, this book will allow fans to learn more about the villains, loves, and heroes who occupy Superman's world, including Lex Luthor, Lois Lane, Doomsday, and more. This all-new guide traces how the Man of Steel has developed throughout the decades, while examining the monumental moments that have led to who he is today.

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## Customer Reviews

Since adopting a new style to comic book character guides a few years back, DK has done a great job summarizing the appeal of certain heroes. For Superman, they face the daunting task of taking on a true icon of 75 years whose history has been rebooted several times. Indeed, some might worry over an early entry on how the New 52 continuity is "the one one fans need to follow" but thankfully, the book pays tribute to all the times of Superman and in wonderful style. The set-up is much the same as other volumes: His origins on Krypton, rocketing to Earth, his powers and weaknesses, a look at him as both Superman and Clark Kent, Lois Lane, Lex Luthor and his slews of enemies and allies, including both the JLA and Justice Society as well as the Legion of

Super-Heroes and spotlights on Superboy and Supergirl, including their old histories. We then look at times like the Golden Age of the '40's, the wild sci-fi themed '50's and '60's and the attempts to revitalize him in the 1970's with Clark Kent becoming a TV reporter. Then we move to the 1980's with John Byrne's reboot that changed so much (like Lex Luthor now a businessman) and shot things to new prominence. The '90's do have a major error as they discuss mid-90's stories like "Death of Clark Kent" and the wedding to Lois before earlier tales like "Panic in the Sky" and the "Death and Return" arc. We then move to the 21st century with Luthor becoming President, Our Worlds at War, Infinite Crisis, New Krypton and more before noting the changes of the New 52. As ever, the detail is wonderful, each page covered with classic images of the Man of Steel in action. They cover nearly every major tale, even some of the wild '90's bits like Electro-Superman, Red/Blue and "Emperor of the World." We also get spotlights on various mini-series like Birthright, For All Seasons, For Tomorrow and more. Plus, as usual, DK spotlights specific issues like a fight with Lex Luthor, "Must There Be a Superman" and the classic Action Comics #775 (although surprisingly they skim over Alan Moore's "Whatever Happened to the Man of Tomorrow" and virtually ignore Grant Morrison's "All-Star Superman"). All this plus a look at the various versions of Superman from DC Elseworlds books and a collection of quotes that always show the hope Superman has in humanity that makes him so great. He may have his history shifted and changed but this book reminds you why, despite it all, Superman remains the greatest super-hero of them all and why we still love reading in him all these years later and why Superman makes you believe.

I first saw this book at Spencer's Gifts if you can believe that or not. Of course that store wanted \$25.00 for this gem, so I scanned the bar code with my App. and found it for \$18.00 right here. I bought it and the rest is history. It's a good book for a person wanting to know more about the Man of Steel or it's also great as a gift. It has many great illustrations and gives fantastic history behind the origins, comics, TV shows and movies throughout the years. Very well put together and I am glad I bought it.

A very entertaining read that almost gets 5 stars, but for the fact that it pushes the New 52 too much for my tastes. I actually do not have a problem with the New 52. I like the idea even though I have not been able to fully follow it. But this book pushes it in a way that it acts like the rest of the Superman history is irrelevant. I bought the book to get an abbreviated version of that history, not to have it minimized in favor of something so recent. The book itself is a great read. Good stories, great illustrations and character breakdowns. It is everything that I have come to expect from this series of

books. Just don't act like the New 52 is the only thing people want to read about.

This is Truly The ultimate guide To SuperMan covering the complete timeline alternate universes solar system of Krypton itself powers abilities allies rogue Gallery pretty much everything you can ever imagine about Superman a very similar set up to Batman the world of The Dark Knight I believe to be the same author 10 out of 10

DK has put out some really cool books over the years about DC and Marvel heroes. It has been a long time since the last one about Superman. This one caught up on events from the last few years and includes info on the new 52 reboot. Nice artwork, highly recommend for any DC or Superman fan, nice addition to the coffee table!

I was hoping for more details on the history of superman. The book is a nice looking coffee table item and has colorful pictures, but I got this to try to piece together the history of the various Supermen in comic book history. On that front, this book is superficial.

I would recommend to anyone who have or haven't seen MAN OF STEEL to get this in-depth guide to Superman's history. As a fan of this hero since the age of 3, I enjoyed the illustration and brilliant info on Superman's origin, source of strength, rogues of villains, and sets of allies. This is must read for any Superman fan, or any comic book aficionado for that matter.

I like this book as you know Superman was my 1st favorite superhero and always will remain special to me as as a hero standing for good and fighting for Truth , Justice and The America Way plus he usurer in the age of superheros. The book 200 pages in a ll is wonderfully written by Daniel Wallace who has written many guide books for DC Comics , Marvel and Star Wars. It covers Superman's history in the comics from June of 1938 up to 2013 with DC's New 52 and so on. All the major events , characters , heroes and villains etc. are covered in the book plus it has a wonderful cover by Jim Lee. Think of it as a character study on The Man of Steel. Now if your expecting this book to have stuff on The Suprman Films of Christopher Reeve from 1978-1987 , Superman Returns (2006) or Man of Steel (2013) and the DC Comics DCEU Cinematic Universe you will have to find another DK books likes DC Comics Year By Year for that. This only cover's Superman's history in the DC Comics. You can go through hours looking at this book finding some facts you did not know about Superman and maybe some surprises too.

Overall I give Superman: The Ultimate Guide to the Man of Steel By Daniel Wallace from DK Publishing a 9/10 a great book and well worth picking up if your a Superman fan or fan of Comic Books in general.

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