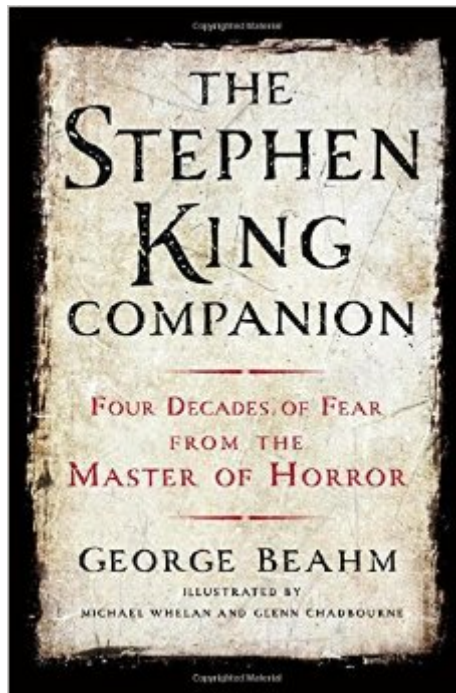


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The Stephen King Companion: Four Decades Of Fear From The Master Of Horror



Synopsis

The Stephen King Companion is an authoritative look at horror author King's personal life and professional career, from Carrie to The Bazaar of Bad Dreams. King expert George Beahm, who has published extensively about Maine's main author, is your seasoned guide to the imaginative world of Stephen King, covering his varied and prodigious output: juvenalia, short fiction, limited edition books, bestselling novels, and film adaptations. The book is also profusely illustrated with nearly 200 photos, color illustrations by celebrated "Dark Tower" artist Michael Whelan, and black-and-white drawings by Maine artist Glenn Chadbourne. Supplemented with interviews with friends, colleagues, and mentors who knew King well, this book looks at his formative years in Durham, when he began writing fiction as a young teen, his college years in the turbulent sixties, his struggles with early poverty, working full-time as an English teacher while writing part-time, the long road to the publication of his first novel, Carrie, and the dozens of bestselling books and major screen adaptations that followed. For fans old and new, The Stephen King Companion is a comprehensive look at America's best-loved bogeyman.

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I'm as HUGE King fan so I was eager to purchase Beahm's King companion. I am not disappointed even though I haven't finished this wonderfully interesting book. Well packed; fast shipping; easy transaction; thanks so much

The Stephen King Companion by George Beahm is a beautifully crafted monster of a book (nearly

600 pages!) that will please any King fan! Readers can purchase either a softcover/paperback edition, or a sturdier Hardcover edition (advertised as a "Library binding edition"). Both editions are identical, but the hardcover has sewn in pages (Smyth-sewn) that will certainly please libraries, being super durable. Also a plus is the fantastic artwork by Michael Whelan and Glenn Chadbourne!

If you want to know anything about Stephen King, here's your guide. Put in Concise readable, easy to understand format, you'll be able to find out anything at a glance. Or for you die-hard such as myself, reading from beginning to end is a Joy! You'll find out many new things you didn't know and correct many things you thought you knew. It's a fun Guide so Constant Reader enjoy the mind and world of Stephen King.

I really wanted to like this book. It's long, almost 600 pages, but each of his major books gets 1-2 pages each, and what's written doesn't illuminate the books/stories much at all. In a book this big there should be more information for example on one of King's nearly 700 page books than a one page write up that's not quite a review. On the subject of Stephen King's accident in 1999, the author tells you to read King's book "On Writing" rather than going into details. However he takes many pages to discuss King's band the Rockbottom Remainers. The author's interest in Stephen King is obviously different than my own. I have several "companion" type books like the Twilight Zone companion which has a good write up on every episode. This companion book is a mishmash of bits and pieces about King and his books but it meanders. The definitive Stephen King companion would be great. This book is not it.

Anything by George Beahm on the subject of Stephen King is going to be great. This book is fun to read and doesn't disappoint.

It was a very useful guide to his works and a great connection to his personal life.

Gave this as a gift but am considering getting a copy for myself. Looked through it briefly and it looks amazing! very interesting and seems laid out very well.

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