

Resident Evil Archives

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BradyGames : Resident Evil Archives before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Resident Evil Archives:

26 of 26 people found the following review helpful. Great Books with Some Minor FlawsBy E.C. HallexResident Evil Archives is a fantastic compendium of all things Resident Evil, but it's hardly perfect. For what it's intended for - to be a veritable encyclopedia for Capcom's hit series - it succeeds wonderfully, but there are a few things that might get on a few stickler's nerves. First the good: tons of pretty high-res pictures, screenshots, concept art, excellent page layouts, and all the info you could ever want to know about Resident Evil (sans RE4 and the spin-off games). Story synopsis, character analysis, detailed information on all the game's creatures and items, and a treasure trove of concept art and commentary to top it all off.However, there are a few things wrong with the book that really degrade the overall presentation. For one, the writing is marginal at best, often using repetitive adjectives and phrases (the word "beloved" seems to be one of the writer's favorites). Additionally, the editing is abhorrible. There are numerous typos,

misspellings, and careless mistakes; some of the biggest offenses are instances where sentences are cut short altogether and words are missing a good four or five letters. There's also a small error that by itself would not be a big deal, but speaks volumes about whoever wrote it. At one point the book transcribes a line from the end of Resident Evil 2, which goes something like "A biohazard has been detected." The book actually changes the word "biohazard" to "Resident Evil," the writer obviously thinking that because the Japanese title of the game (which was Biohazard) was changed, it means all instances of the word must also be changed. How much sense does the phrase "A Resident Evil has been detected" make? It's a few goof-ups like this that give me the distinct impression the writer or writers were not intimately familiar with the game they were writing for, which I personally find unacceptable for a book of this nature. Despite the effort I've gone through to detail the book's downfalls, most people will easily see past them, as did I. I just hope that in the future a similar book will be written and edited a little better. So in summary, this book is a great collection of images and information with some shoddy editing, but the good greatly outweighs the bad. A must-buy for any Resident Evil fan, without a doubt.

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reviewBy rocky stonethis book is an epic read in the history of the awesomeness which is resident evil world, along with archives 2 are must haves for any fan.. they can be pricey however
1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Comprehensive but Sloppy
By MorganThis Archive offers a ton of information, enough to make RE fanboys drool. The problem is it was hastily put together and it's got the errors to show it. The book is full of misspellings, ommitted words, words that got typed in twice, and incorrect terminology. For example, one part of the book defines the U.B.C.S. as the Umbrella Bioterrorism Countermeasure Squad. Another part of the book defines it as the Umbrella Bioterrorism Containment Squad. Most parts of the book are written by someone who doesn't really know what they're talking about. They make up all this crap that sounds technical and just makes you go "what?" The "Interrelatoinships' diagrams are a nightmare to make sense of. Probably the most unforgiveable thing of all is that the subtitles given in the screenshots are in Japanese! What the hell? Yeah, I'd like to have a record of the cutscenes in the game, but in Japanese? No thank you. But here is some pretty awesome artwork, along with some detailed character backgrounds and an enemy analysis. My advice, don't spend too much on it. Get it for cheap and it's a decent RE companion.

BradyGames Resident Evil Archives includes the following: Concept art from the complete series.

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