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Super Famicom: The Box Art Collection



Synopsis

It wasn't easy being a Nintendo fan in the early 90s: the wonderful Super Famicom was released in Europe as the Super Nintendo Entertainment System, but it was hobbled by a bordered, 50Hz image and delayed release schedule. True Nintendo fans got hold of a Japanese console and bought their games on the grey import market. As well as the benefits of faster, smoother, full-screen gameplay, Japanese Super Famicom cartridges came in beautiful portrait-shaped boxes, rather than the landscape packaging sold in Europe and North America. The stylish, intricate Japanese designs were almost always superior to that afforded the western releases. As a celebration of this unique artwork, Bitmap Books is proud to present Super Famicom: The Box Art Collection – a compilation of Japanese game packaging, professionally shot and presented as a glorious hardback edition. The book features around 250 titles, including many rare examples and some that have never before been documented in print. Sourced from the archives of renowned collector, Stuart Brett (aka Super Famicom Guy), each box is beautifully presented life-size, with a critique of the artwork, plus interviews with other collectors, explaining their love of the format. Super Famicom: The Box Art Collection comes in a square format book, bound in charcoal grey wibalin with a gold foil block logo and lithographically printed to the highest standards. Includes a foreword by long-time games journalist Steve Jarratt, launch editor of Edge and Nintendo magazine Total!. Super Famicom: The Box Art Collection is an unmissable treat for anyone who had a passion for Nintendo's 16-bit games console, and who came to embrace the distinctive Japanese artwork adorning these iconic games.

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Customer Reviews

After accumulating a personal collection of hundreds of complete, boxed Super Famicom games over the years, Stuart wanted to share his collection with others. He'd been playing the games since my teens and before he got any older he wanted to create something special for other retro gamers like himself! As well as playing and collecting SFC games, Stuart is also a professional graphic designer with over a decade's experience in the industry. Visual design is a huge part of his life, so creating a book is nothing new to him but designing a book of his own collection to share with others is an incredibly exciting prospect.

A pretty neat book, for what it is and how simple it is.. what you see in the preview photos is what you get, don't expect anything more.. It could make for a neat art book to go on a coffee table, else you may question how useful this book is.. But it beats collecting all those Super Famicom game boxes individually.. Japan had the superior box art for the Super Nintendo and it is neat to have the best of it all in one book.. If you admire game box art, then this could be for you.

The book is very high quality. I prefer the Japanese artwork of games and get dangerously close to actually buying those versions to collect. This book lets me enjoy them without dropping thousands of dollars on imports. Thank you book, my tiny apartment is thankful.

This book is amazing, very well curated and great design. The delivery was fast and efficient.

Obscure game history and art information for western game lovers. beautiful design.

A spectacular nostalgia bomb!

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