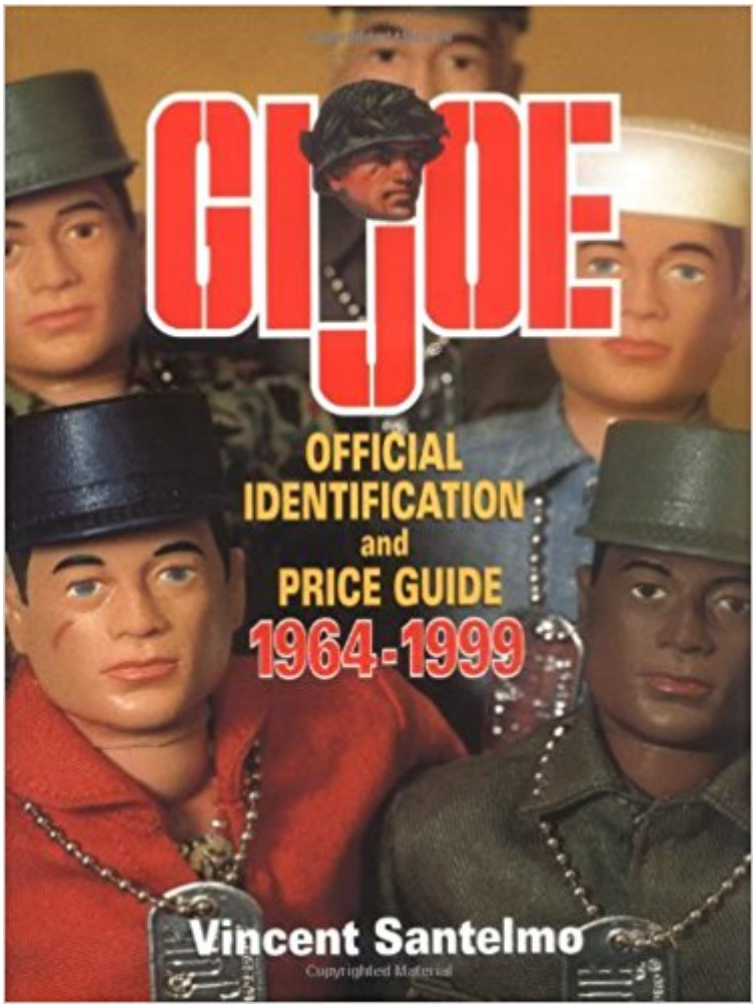
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Oddly enough, Vincent Santelmo’s fabulous guide book, G.I. Joe: Official Identification and Price Guide (1964-1999), seldom gets the respect that it truly deserves from some collectors of vintage G.I. Joe action figures. Yes, a number of nitpickers complain that the book isn’t truly complete, and doesn’t include absolutely every single G.I. Joe product put out by Hasbro between 1964 and 1999 (such as the Deep Sea Diver set, various vehicles, and some equipment and accessory sets).One particularly vocal reviewer on .com even charged that the "book was not licensed or approved by Hasbro," which, believe it or not, is an absolutely and totally FALSE assertion. In fact, Paul Kennedy, Acquisitions Editor at Krause Publications, has confirmed that this highly informative and richly detailed paperback volume, "like others written by Vincent Santelmo on GI Joe, was licensed and the manuscript was reviewed and approved by Hasbro Inc." And that’s just a fact.But then again, I honestly really do not know what motivates some people to trash certain aspects of various product lines (and even whole movie and TV entertainment franchises) that they, curiously enough, claim to actually be die-hard fans of in the first place! What’s more, it absolutely mystifies me why

anyone who loves vintage G.I. Joe as much as a lifelong collector (such as yours truly) would not find this book to be as highly indispensable and practically priceless as I sincerely do.After all, every single page of the book is rendered in color on high quality paper, and the vast majority of those pages feature sharp, vivid, well composed full color photos of literally hundreds of G.I. Joe products. Is the guide 100% complete? Maybe not... but it IS just exactly what the title implies; an "Official Identification and Price Guide." And besides, all I can say is that it really is one of my absolute favorite books ever published, bar none.So, how about this? How about we just make a solid attempt to appreciate the book for what it actually does do so very, very well? So how about we just ignore the somewhat outdated "price guide" aspect the book? After all, most price guides are kind of silly and overly ambitious publications anyway, given that prices are always changing, as the popularity of various collectible items wax and wane over the years.By the same token, if we also don't sweat all that "missing" stuff (which isn't all that much, really, and can easily be found in other, highly notable books about G.I. Joe - such as the Collectible GI Joe: An Official Guide to His Action-Packed World, by Derryl Depriest, or The New Official Identification Guide to G.I. Joe - 1964-1978, by James DeSimone), then Vincent Santelmo's identification guide is actually a really, really wonderfully informative and extremely well conceived and executed book. Seriously. Come on! It's a really gorgeous book, people! And if you honestly, really do love G.I. Joe as much as you think you do, you'll probably also find plenty of info in this book that is pretty darned irresistible too.What's more, unlike some of the other, similarly themed G.I. Joe guide books on the market, this volume is often somewhat easy to find at an affordable price, and is usually in very good condition to boot. And given that the book is chock full of good old fashioned G.I. Joe goodness, I really don't see how anybody who actually enjoys this particular hobby can go all that wrong by owning a copy. Heck! Vincent Santelmo's guide even includes full color photos of 3 3/4" inch carded G.I. Joe figures from the 1980s and 90s. PLUS, all the sixth scale figures produced from 1991 to 1999 are also included. So yeah... five stars all the way from me for Vincent Santelmo's G.I. Joe: Official Identification and Price Guide (1964-1999). I for one, absolutely love the book, and I cannot recommend it highly enough.

Worth it, prices and good pictures, Mary

Very nice product. I strongly recommend it and you will love it too. I am very happy with it because its very good.

Great book!

This Gi Joe book has a lot of errors. It’s ok for certain things but not for others because of the errors...As a whole... Thumbsdown from me!

This book was a good starting point into buying and selling GI Joe collectables. I wish it would have had more information on sets and vehicles which aren’t mentioned much. Over all this book was good.

Full color every page of the sixty nine pages. The author is a serious collector of the action figure and what he owns is in this book. He put everything together in sets to help collectors identify what they have or what it should look like should they wish to collect that set. Each action figure, uniform and piece of equipment is photographed for easy identificationOverall, this is a great book of interest and value for serious collectors. Note: it doesnÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢t state values of any way. It is strictly a book of the figures and accessories that was available out there for sale for you to peruse and ooh and aah over.

I am no expert at gi joe collecting but I did not find what I was looking for in this book. It has very nice color pictures but is extremely specific and repetitive. This may seem good for some people but not for me. It does not include the spec for the Deep diver, vehicles and some equipment. Also it does not include many boxes that you can easily see on the net. I do not know if I can rely in its price guide also. The book is mainly focused in showing one pic of single items and in describing the subtle differences between one series and another of the SAME figure in almost all cases. The format is in two column and you have to go reading from the top to bottom and to the top again so it becomes kind of confusing to read at first.I will conclude that this is a nice book if you are looking for specific information and not if you are looking for a visual aid to see what item goes with what to complete your collection.If you want it anyway try to find the lowest price.But anyway do not forget to HAVE FUN!!!

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