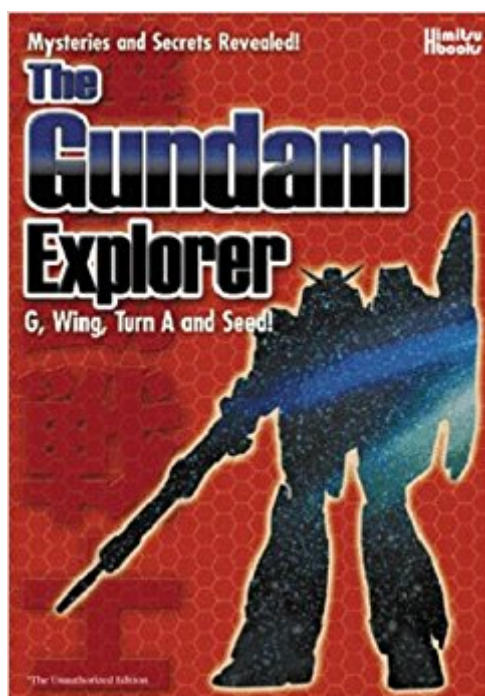


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Synopsis

The secrets and mysteries of the four televised Gundam sagas from 1979. The book guides the reader through a maze of character bios, Gundam technologies, truths and legends that continue to perplex and mesmerize viewers all over the world.

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Customer Reviews

cocoro books is based in Tokyo, specializing in visually stunning books about Japan's vibrant pop and anime subcultures. This is the first in the *Mysteries and Secrets Revealed!* series.

This is an honest review from a LONG time Gundam fan(atic). I have been watching Gundam since I was a wee tyke. So I downloaded this book for \$3 just to see what it was about. It is current up through the Gundam SEED series, so it does not cover Gundams: Unicorn, SEED Destiny, 00, or AGE. Since it doesn't cover Gundam 00, it really needs major updating. But even for the older Gundam series, one would think it a nice resource...Basically this is a really watered down Gundam wiki. There is a little information, but the format makes it almost impossible to decipher. There are interjections about unrelated topics in the middle of a series about, say, The Cosmic Era timeline. Pictures were not authorized by Sunrise, so you get Gunpla models instead. Which is fun, but really lame since most fans enjoy seeing drawings or stills from the anime or manga instead of models made by two or three builders. The other pictures tend to be of merchandise that the publisher is selling, and it actually includes prices listed in the captions. Sad. Each section covers a

series and there is a summary of the anime series with the characters, the countries and/or organizations involved, the mobile suits and armor used by each, and a short history leading up to the series. There is also a nifty timeline, but again, not anything beyond what you can find on a Gundam wiki site. Then you have a summary of the series. The little extras are things like: who was George Glenn (from Gundam SEED), who was the creator of Gundam, and such. What I had hoped for was interviews with creators and animators. Thoughts on the politics and the background for the series. Instead, with these little extras lacking, it reads like someone took basic information and just put it into a book format. Like copying a report for school based on an encyclopedia article. Very little life in the writing indeed. Since it was only \$3 I gave it two stars. **DO NOT BUY THE BOOK** unless you check the e-book first (since the preview is lacking, you would have to buy the download). I would hate for someone to make a \$20 mistake. Honestly, I think that the \$3 I spent for the e-book was too much. Just Google Gundam Wiki and save \$3.

But this book was poorly formatted for Kindle. Lines would be broken off abruptly, words were missing or misspelled, and the lack of formatting made the book look as professional as an email chain letter. Additionally it is missing quite a lot of punctuation--the author should note that periods are his friend. As to content: coverage of the UC era is sketchy at best. The description/profiles of the ladies of Gundam Wing were unbalanced and the author was incapable of remaining impartial. Romanization of SEED character names was inconsistent with preexisting official data. The promised "secrets and mysteries" were really common knowledge. I recommend that you save your money and buy an official data book instead.

If you're five year old doesn't understand the plot of a Gundam series, buy this book for them. If you are considering it for any other reason, **SAVE YOUR MONEY**.

My son likes these books a lot. He likes to see what one would really look like if actually engineered. Good quality.

This book really isn't for anyone who's been a fan of the series for a long time. They discuss basic elements of the series and don't reveal any mysteries or secrets to the longtime fans of Gundam. However, I do suggest this book for the newbies of Gundam as it gives a very straight to the point approach and is extremely easy to read. The only real disappointment in this book is its misleading title. It should rather be an introduction to the series rather than a "mysteries and secrets revealed!"

This book touches base on four of the main branches of Gundam lore. It discusses Wing, MSG, G, and SEED. It give bits of information about the series as a whole and then answers a few questions on each series. The questions are a bit spoiler-filled at times but they dont give away too many secrets about the shows. The biggest asset that the book has is an indepth glossary and character list. Overall, a handy book to have if you are interested in the shows.

THIS BOOK IS NOT WHAT I EXPECTED. THERE ARE FEW QUESTIONS FOR EACH GUNDAM SERIE AND THE ANSWERS ARE NOT ALWAYS VERY CLEAR.THIS IS NOT A PRODUCT FOR DEMANDING GUNDAM FANS.

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