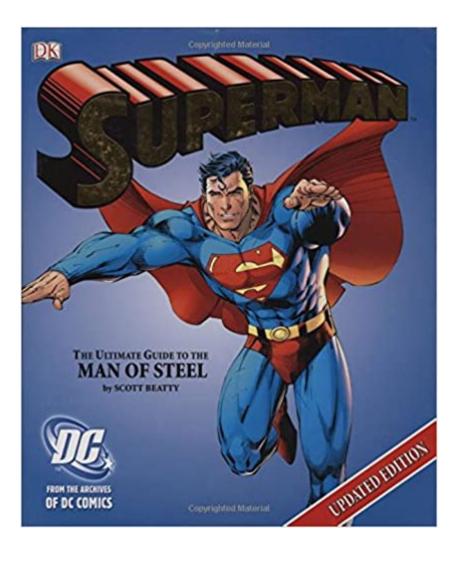


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# Superman: The Ultimate Guide To The Man Of Steel





# Synopsis

Perfect for both die-hard fans and casual readers, this fully updated edition of DK's classic guide tells you everything you need to know about Superman's 60+ year fight for truth, justice, and the American way.

## **Book Information**

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From the doomed planet Krypton to Smallville, Kansas, to the great (but often troubled) city of Metropolis, a powerful superhero has fought for truth, justice, and the American way for over 70 years. In this breathtaking tribute to the man of steel himself, all the nitty-gritty, fascinating details of Superman's life and career are investigated, analyzed, and celebrated. Discover just what happened back on Krypton to propel infant "Kal-El" to Earth as the one Kryptonian hope for rebirth of their civilization. Learn how a loving farm family named Kent adopted the baby, renamed him Clark, and instilled him with solid American values. And meet the many, many friends and enemies of our hero, including, fiercely independent but lovable Lois Lane, the nasty Joker, and Doomsday, the unstoppable creature that killed Superman. Allowed unlimited access to the archives of DC Comics, author Scott Beatty delved deep, coming up with the kind of details fans will fall all over themselves to peruse, including each featured character's vital statistics and year of appearance on the Superman scene. The large book format, compelling, readable text, and many crystal-clear illustrations in The Ultimate Guide are in keeping with Dorling Kindersley's signature style. A true treasure for superhero buffs! (All ages) --Emilie Coulter --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Superman and Mickey star in oversize, elegantly designed volumes from DK. Superman: The Ultimate Guide to the Man of Steel by Scott Beatty, illus. by Roger Stewart, begins with the hero's birth on Krypton (with a spread that maps out the planet) and traces his rise from citizen of Smallville, Kans., to defender of the universe. Given Beatty's access to the DC Comics archives, the volume comes alive with reproductions, abundant information and lively anecdotes. Three backdrops and more than 60 stickers allow readers to embark on their own adventures with the Spiderman Sticker Book. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The Ultimate Guide to the Man of Steel explores the Life of Superman, from his doomed planet Krypton to where he landed and was raised in Smallville right up to the great city of Metropolis that he so dilligantly protectes now, in which he hase fought for truth, justice and the American way for more than 70years. All the fascinating details of this man of steel his life, career are analysed as well as celebrated, in this book which is a tribute to an enduring lcon, a man that was not human or from Earth but has protected and watched over Earth with all his mighty steel strength. Scott Beatty had a mammoth task in referencing all the Dc comic archives delving deep into details of a mythological modern day superhero of our very own Hercules, that fans would enjoy and appreciate. This is a large book in keeping with DK's quality and classical style. Illustrations are superb of the quality that fans have come to appreciate and expect, in a compelling readable dramatic text. This book requires deep clever thinking and understanding of the man of steel himself Superman and has had a huge following ever since it needed to be in keeping with the expectations of his followers, and it succeeded in doing so for everyone in which there is no actual story or plot this is a historic timeline of the man of steel himself from his creation in 1938 right up until his latest appearance in 2005. The book is divided into readable and sepearate sections of each chapter from in the book delving deep into the rich colorful history of the man of steel himself superman!And there's even a section of supervillans that goes into detail of all of the vile baddies that Superman has fought with including his greatest arch-foe Lex Luthor. It also delves into his private life as a person what his vulnerabilities are as a person and also what his strengths and weakenesses are as a person towards his loved ones. All in all an information book that i can't highly recommend enough to anyone who is interested in superman as a costumed champion of the downtrodden who uses his inhuman powers to benfit mankind by fighting it's social tyranny!

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as advertised...nice product.

I have loved all of the Superman movies, as well as the show Smallville. However, I don't enjoy comic books so I felt as if I was missing out on a lot of fun facts and information about America's superhero. This book was perfect for me. I've learned a lot from it, just from flipping through the pages. It has beautiful pictures and it is a great size. I'll be displaying it on my coffee table in my new apartment.

I wanted a book chronicling the history of Superman but this gave me a current history of the comic characters with a short timeline toward the end> I wanted a history of the characters and how they have change and evolved with time.

This is the best source of Superman information I've found.Learn things you've always wanted to know,like What's in the Fortress of Solitude.Detailed maps of Krypton,Smallville and Metropolis are very interesting.Maps and diagrams reveal all about the Man of Stael.Learn fascinating things about practically everyone and everything associated with Superman.I like this book because I found answers to every question I had about Superman and EVEN MORE info than that!If you're a Super-fan,this book is for you!

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