Star Wars: The Marvel Comics Years 1977-1986: A Comprehensive Guide

In a galaxy far, far away, Marvel Comics introduced Star Wars to the world of comic books in 1977. The series, written by Roy Thomas and illustrated by some of the industry's top artists, quickly became a hit with fans of the blockbuster film. For nine years, Marvel Comics published Star Wars comics that expanded the universe of the films and introduced new characters and storylines.



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This comprehensive guide to the Marvel Comics Star Wars series, which ran from 1977 to 1986, includes detailed information on each issue, including plot summaries, character profiles, and behind-the-scenes information.

The Early Years (1977-1980)

The early years of the Marvel Comics Star Wars series were marked by a close adherence to the films. The first six issues of the series were adaptations of the original Star Wars film, and subsequent issues continued

to follow the adventures of Luke Skywalker, Han Solo, Princess Leia, and the rest of the Rebel Alliance. However, as the series progressed, Thomas and his team of artists began to introduce new elements to the Star Wars universe.

One of the most significant additions to the Star Wars universe during this period was the character of Boba Fett. Introduced in issue #32 of the series, Boba Fett quickly became a fan favorite. The enigmatic bounty hunter was a formidable opponent for the Rebels, and his popularity led to his own spin-off comic book series.

The Dark Horse Years (1986-1991)

In 1986, Marvel Comics lost the rights to publish Star Wars comics to Dark Horse Comics. Dark Horse continued to publish Star Wars comics for many years, and produced some of the most acclaimed Star Wars stories of all time. However, this guide focuses on the Marvel Comics Star Wars series, which ran from 1977 to 1986.

The Legacy of the Marvel Comics Star Wars Series

The Marvel Comics Star Wars series played a major role in the development of the Star Wars universe. The series introduced new characters and storylines that expanded the universe of the films, and helped to make Star Wars one of the most popular franchises in history. The series also helped to introduce Star Wars to a new generation of fans, who continue to enjoy the adventures of Luke Skywalker and his friends.

The Marvel Comics Star Wars series is a classic collection of comics that helped to shape the Star Wars universe. The series is a must-read for any

fan of Star Wars, and is a valuable resource for anyone who wants to learn more about the history of the franchise.

Appendix: Issue Guide

The following is a complete guide to the Marvel Comics Star Wars series, which ran from 1977 to 1986.

Issue	Title	Plot Summary	Character Profiles	Behind-the- Scenes Information
#1	Star Wars	Adaptation of the original Star Wars film.	Luke Skywalker, Han Solo, Princess Leia, Darth Vader	Written by Roy Thomas, art by Howard Chaykin
#2	The Empire Strikes Back	Adaptation of the film The Empire Strikes Back.	Luke Skywalker, Han Solo, Princess Leia, Darth Vader, Yoda	Written by Roy Thomas, art by Carmine Infantino
#3	Return of the Jedi	Adaptation of the film Return of the Jedi.	Luke Skywalker, Han Solo, Princess Leia, Darth Vader, Emperor Palpatine	Written by Roy Thomas, art by Al Williamson
#4	The Star Wars	Adaptation of the Star Wars Holiday Special.	Luke Skywalker, Han Solo, Princess Leia,	Written by Roy Thomas, art by Russ Manning

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	Holiday Special		Chewbacca, R2- D2, C-3PO	
#5	The Empire Strikes Back: The Battle of Hoth	Original story set between the events of The Empire Strikes Back and Return of the Jedi.	Luke Skywalker, Han Solo, Princess Leia, Darth Vader, Boba Fett	Written by Roy Thomas, art by Walt Simonson
#6	The Empire Strikes Back: The Battle of Endor	Original story set between the events of The Empire Strikes Back and Return of the Jedi.	Luke Skywalker, Han Solo, Princess Leia, Darth Vader, Emperor Palpatine	Written by Roy Thomas, art by Carmine Infantino
#7	The Return of the Jedi: The Battle of Naboo	Original story set between the events of Return of the Jedi and The Phantom Menace.	Luke Skywalker, Han Solo, Princess Leia, Queen Amidala, Darth Maul	Written by Roy Thomas, art by Dave Cockrum
#8	The Return of the Jedi: The Battle of Geonosis	Original story set between the events of Return of the Jedi and Attack of the Clones.	Luke Skywalker, Han Solo, Princess Leia, Obi-Wan Kenobi, Count Dooku	Written by Roy Thomas, art by John Byrne

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#9	The Return of the Jedi: The Battle of Coruscant	Original story set between the events of Return of the Jedi and Revenge of the Sith.	Luke Skywalker, Han Solo, Princess Leia, Anakin Skywalker, Emperor Palpatine	Written by Roy Thomas, art by George Pérez
#10	The Return of the Jedi: The Battle of Yavin IV	Original story set after the events of Return of the Jedi.	Luke Skywalker, Han Solo, Princess Leia, Darth Vader, Emperor Palpatine	Written by Roy Thomas, art by Sal Buscema



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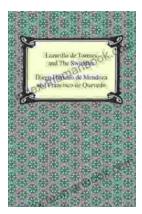
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