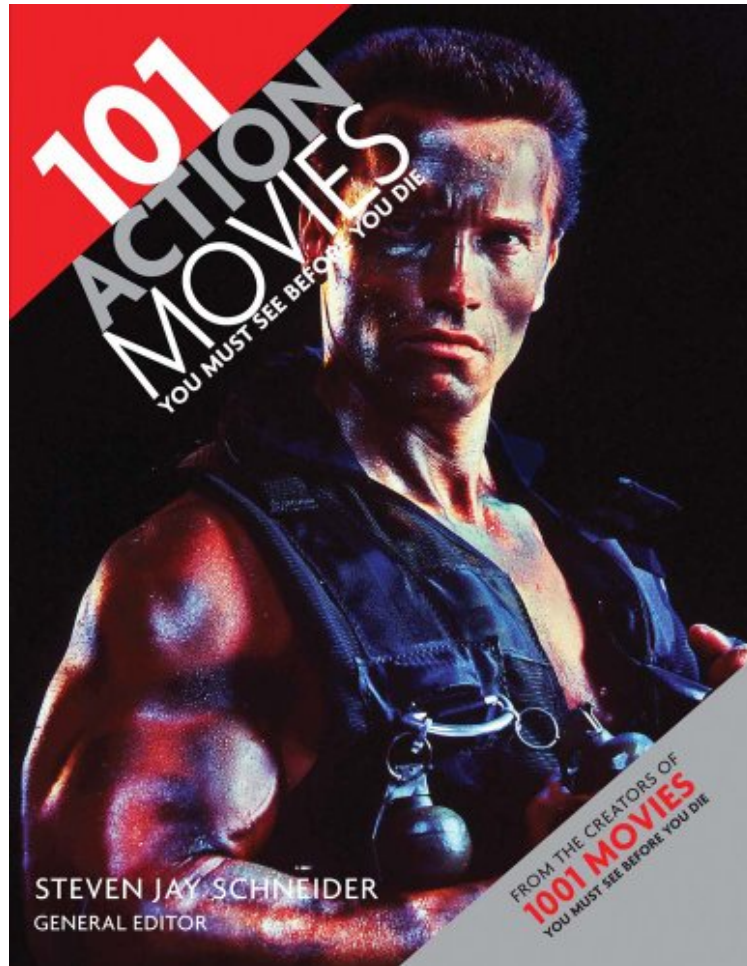


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you got loads of filler movies like Armageddon and Tomb Raider listed plus a bunch of stuff that is more drama/thriller than actual action flicks. Half the book is practically freakin' James Bond movies which I mean are good but it just shows how little research was done when they just throw in bout every James Bond flick cause they are ignorant to the genre as a whole and can't come up with anything else. No Predator, no Hard Boiled, No Sonny Chiba, No Road Warrior, No Aliens, No Lone Wolf Cub, just to name a few of the big ones missed and then there are some hardcore action fan classics that are left out but not surprising given this poor collection. No love, no passion. AVOID AT ALL COSTS. LAZY BOOK BY LAZY PEOPLE WHO ARE CLUELESS OF THE ACTION GENRE. A JOKE OF A BOOK. If this is a sign of how this series of books works then I'm guessing the other books are garbage too. No point in even checking them out now. P.S. The other 5 star review is clearly a corporate plant. Or the writer's/editor's mother. 3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Ahnold, Bruce, Clint, Sly Co. in Action! By Mike O'Connor 101 ACTION MOVIES YOU MUST SEE BEFORE YOU DIE is the latest genre compendium from Steven Jay Schneider and his crew of movie reviewers. Loaded with critiques of action flick guilty pleasures, this 2010 Quintessence Publishing release should delight fans of Schwarzenegger, Willis, Eastwood, Ford, Stallone, Downey, Crowe, Flynn, Damon, Connery and all the other actors and actresses who made things burn, bleed and blow up on the silver screen. Released in 1903, 'The Great Train Robbery' is the first film covered in 101 ACTION MOVIES. 'Avatar,' released in 2009, is the last. In between those two milestones are such cinematic greats as 'Captain Blood,' 'North by Northwest,' 'Goldfinger,' 'Airport,' 'Towering Inferno,' 'Poseidon Adventure,' 'Dirty Harry,' 'Foxy Brown,' 'Rollerball,' 'Raiders of the Lost Ark,' 'Die Hard,' 'Rambo,' 'Terminator,' 'Lethal Weapon,' 'Hunt for Red October,' 'Speed,' 'Con Air,' 'Gladiator,' 'Tomb Raider,' 'Spiderman,' 'Kill Bill,' ' Bourne Supremacy' and 'The Dark Knight' along with lesser-known titles like "The Wages of Fear,' 'The Five Deadly Venoms' and 'Iron Monkey.' Each film rates a two-page write-up along with two photographs. Along with being the latest book in the series, 101 ACTION MOVIES is also one of the most enjoyable. Other volumes in this series have sometimes been dry and academic but 101 ACTION MOVIES is more a celebration of action films than a dissection. That's as it should be 'cause action films are the ultimate form of escapism where heart-pounding excitement, eardrum-rattling explosives, fast-paced action and jaw-dropping special effects reign supreme. In short, 101 ACTION MOVIES is a hoot. Pick up a copy and dig in for some fun reading. Recommended.

Action movies can be called the purest form of cinema because they tell their stories visually, rather than through dialogue. Summarized in this entertaining book are 101 of the most famous action films of all time, from the early swashbucklers starring Douglas Fairbanks, to sci-fi panoramas like Star Wars and the Terminator series that was made famous by Arnold Schwarzenegger. With insights from critics, film historians, and academics, 101 Action Films You Must See Before You Die discusses the movies that made actors like Bruce Willis, Sylvester Stallone, and Sean Connery into household names. This intensely readable book chronicles the history of action films by dividing them into separate chapters for each decade, starting in 1900 and concluding with films like The Bourne Identity with Matt Damon, and other major releases of the present decade. Each movie is profiled with a plot summary, a listing of cast and credits, and interesting notes about the production. Approximately 200 illustrations include reproductions of movie posters and stills from the films.

From the Inside Flap (back cover) Drunken Master On Her Majesty's Secret Service First Blood True Lies Mission Impossible The Heroic Trio Gladiator Ong-Bak Lara Croft: Tomb Raider 300 Iron Man Crouching tiger, Hidden Dragon Con Air The Crow The Taking of Pelham One Two Three Captain Blood Die Hard The Perils of Pauline Goldfinger Mark of Zorro Safety Last! The Thief of Baghdad Our Man Flint Rollerball Enter the Dragon Superman Raiders of the Lost Ark The Towering Inferno Death Race 2000 The Anderson Tapes Foxy Brown The Getaway Shaolin Temple Top Gun Leon Bad Boys Commando Face/Off Ronin The Bourne Supremacy Blade Speed Cannonball Under Siege Bloodsport The Hunt for Red October La Femme Nikita Police Story Desperado Fist of Legend Patriot Games Lethal Weapon Point Break (front flap) From the string of stylish, iconic James Bond adventures to the fast-paced, dark works of Tsui Hark, John Woo, and Christopher Nolan, 101 Action Movies You Must See Before You Die looks at the action film in all its forms. It explores what draws an audience to the thrills of these tense roller-coaster rides on the big screen. Is it an appetite for violence or simply a desire to see the good guys get justice? Action movies made actors like Bruce Willis into household names for their death-defying onscreen escapades. From Sean Connery to Sylvester Stallone, these larger-than-life heroes have kept us on the edge of our cinema seats. Arnie told us he would be back, Bruce Lee made martial arts ultra cool, and Angelina Jolie brought a video game vividly to life. And our appetite for derring-do remains unabated as we watch the Dark Night battle with evil villains. With insight from critics, film historians, and academics, 101 Action Movies You Must See Before You Die brings knowledge, insight, and passion to a world where tough men sip martinis, wear tights and capes, and sometimes even turn green. But they can still get the girl, save the world, and crush cyborgs, psychopaths, jokers, and aliens along the way. So hold on tight to your seats for the mission ahead.. (back flap) Steven Jay Schneider is a film critic, scholar, and producer with an academic degree in philosophy from Harvard University and in cinema studies

from New York University. Also available from Barron's and Steven Jay Schneider: 1001 Movies You Must See Before You Die 101 Cult Movies You Must See Before You Die 101 Gangster Movies You Must See Before You Die (BR 101 Horror Movies You Must See Before You Die (BR 101 Sci-Fi Movies You Must See Before You Die 501 Movie Directors 501 Movie Stars About the Author Steven Jay Schneider is a film critic, scholar, and an author and editor of several books on films and filmmaking, including Barron's 1001 Movies You Must See Before You Die. He is currently in Hollywood, where he plans to produce movies of his own.