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Persona 4: Official Design Works



Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

As a fan of Persona, more specifically P4, I knew I had to buy this as soon as I discovered its existence. The first thing I noticed was its weight. While it is a paperback, it is printed on some fairly thick card stock. Its 192 pages and almost none of them are wasted. Every named character is represented in the book (sorry rumor loving student and funky) along with a brief description from the artist. The main characters are all given a few pages, with design notes, character backgrounds, and different clothing. My favorite part in my quick skimming through the book is the change the characters go through throughout the games development. I certainly won't spoil any of them for you, but it is pretty interesting. There is an interview with the artist (Shigenori Soejima), along with Persona flyers and advertisements. Ever wonder what Chie's pins have on them? Or what color socks Morooka wears? Its in here! I guess you'll already know if you like the content inside the book itself. Hopefully I don't have to tell you that if you like the art of the Persona games, you'll like the art in this book. I'm a huge fan of P4, and they've really knocked it out of the park on this. Its a great reference piece for fans of the game, and for 20\$, you will not be disappointed.

The art book for the highly rated Playstation 2 game Shin Megami Tensei: Persona 4, known in

Japan as 『PERSONA 4』. It collects mainly the character art. They are art from various states of expression and costumes, which I think are art direct from the game. There are also some sketches for each. The style is anime-like and the characters suffer a bit of the same-face syndrome - they look rather similar if not for their costumes. Some guys are dressed as girls - pretty strange. The costumes aren't really unpredictable as they are street wear. There are also designs for the summoned Persona and Shadow (enemy). Those are definitely unique and is to the standard of weirdness you would expect from Japanese design. Towards the back are more miscellaneous sketches for the side cast. The environment (3D) art are actually just screenshots from the game. The game involves weather changes so there are several pictures of each place in different weather conditions. Most of the places are school compounds and so the visuals look pretty normal, again nothing unpredictable. They are printed rather small. This book should appeal more to fans of the game and Shigenori Soejima art. (There are more pictures of the book on my blog. Just visit my profile for the link.)

I was a bit afraid when I got this of having a large amount of repeat art to the art book I got with my Persona 4 pre-order at Gamestop years ago. My fear was misplaced. While there is some duplication this beautiful put together book has more than I could hope for. It has art from all major areas of the game, as well as interviews with the designers, ads, and more. If you are a fan of Persona 4, this book is for you and you will not be disappointed.

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I absolutely love Persona 4 and was so happy to receive this. The book is large, the images and text are very clear. I love Soejima's art, so this was absolutely wonderful to look through. I really enjoyed the concept sketches and explanations from the artist behind the design reasonings for the characters and their personas. If you're on the fence about this, just go ahead and get it, you'll be really pleased!

If you like the art and the characters for this series, you might as well get it. Everything's been translated out, so the designers' comments are nice to read - if you're into that sort of thing. The quality of the printing and the pages is nice! There's a bit of a gloss finish on the pages, but it's not

like it's an annoyance.

This is kind of a collector's item; as in I wouldn't suggest a casual fan to buy this. If you're a hardcore fan who loves the characters and the game company then by all means, go ahead and buy it. It was wonderful, packed with amazing artwork. The concept designs were interesting to look at the little side note the artist would leave were kind of funny. After reading the interview with the artist I felt like I had a better understanding of the game and all the artwork. Plus, after reading this whole book I found myself taking a liking to this artist and I will follow more of his work closely.

This is a must-have for any hardcore Persona 4 fan. Beautifully crafted artwork fills the pages of this book! The numerous illustrations contain most everything from concepts to finalized drawings. The only let down was that the work didn't include Persona 4: Golden additions to the artwork. A small gripe, from this otherwise fantastic art collection!

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