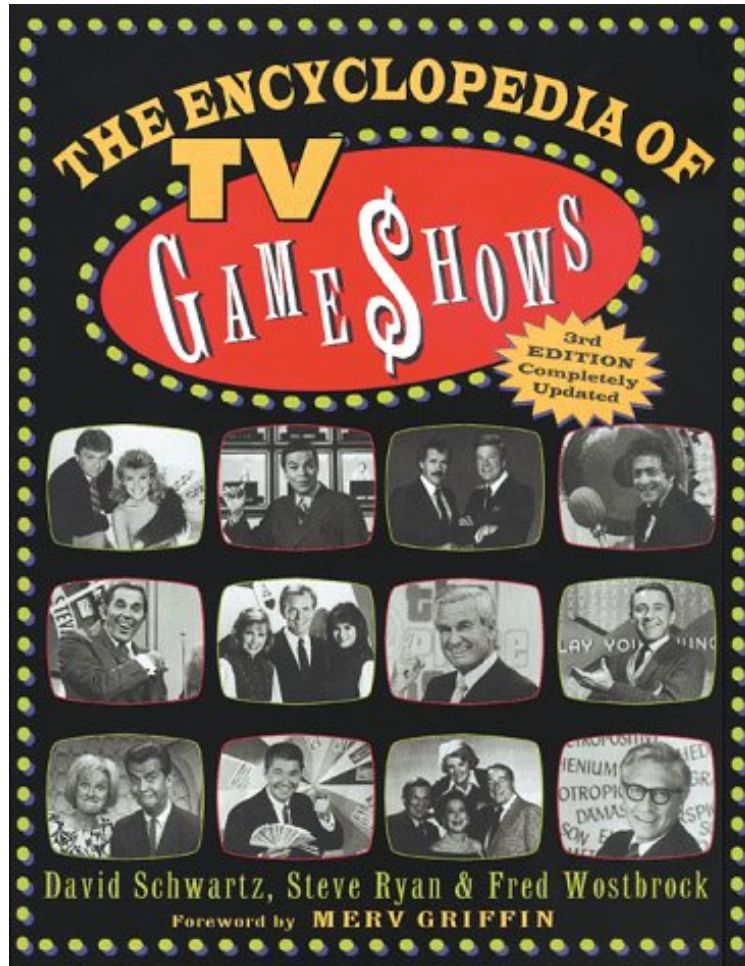


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David Schwartz, Schwartz David, Fred Wostbrock : The Encyclopedia of TV Game Shows before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Encyclopedia of TV Game Shows:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A great effort that misses the mark. By Douglas R. Brown
The book does an excellent job discussing the games and how they were played. It also gives some interesting tidbits on the famous personnel, such as Bob Eubanks, Bill Cullen, Wink Martindale, etc. The problem is a book that had such first-hand knowledge by insiders should have gone deeper. Why did some of these well-established shows such as Jeopardy, Concentration, Password, Dating Game, Newlywed Game suddenly run a ground? Why did Let's Make a Deal jump networks? What were the ratings for all the game shows for a season, not just the position and not just the top three. Why did some short-lived shows like Break the Bank (70's version) get cancelled quickly when it was the second highest rated game? Full bios of the men (and woman) behind the questions. What a treat to have these insights from people who were insiders, not simply someone doing analysis. Perhaps I am spoiled. Christopher Schemering's The

Encyclopedia of TV Soap Operas does this and so much more. I was hoping this book would be a true companion to understand what daytime TV was in its heyday, but this work pales in comparison. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Alan Katzer The first one in the history of classic game shows in history. 10 of 11 people found the following review helpful. What a book! By Ben Schumin This book is absolutely super! When I first looked at it, I went through and found all these old game shows I remember from when I was little that I didn't think anyone remembered (like All-Star Blitz, Chain Reaction, The New Chain Reaction, Press Your Luck, etc.). I was truly impressed by this book. The book is absolutely wonderful! It's a comprehensive guide to game shows from the beginning of television to the present! It's a great reference book about game shows, plus it's great for reminiscing about old game shows you used to watch, learning things you didn't know about your favorite game shows, and learning about game shows that you'd never heard of before. Plus, this book introduced me to Bill Cullen, Peter Marshall, Allen Ludden, Bert Convy, and other hosts that I had never seen before, or saw but was too young to remember (Chain Reaction and All-Star Blitz come to mind). In conclusion, this is a great book. The only thing I can think of that would make this great book even better would be to add more pictures.

Provides information about the packager, broadcast history, hosts, announcers, producers, and rules for over five hundred television game shows.

From Booklist This updated version includes more than 30 new shows, among them Idiot Savants, Wheel of Fortune 2000, and Win Ben Stein's Money. Appendixes list shows by start date (the first was Truth or Consequences, which debuted as a television series the day commercial television began operating); shows by network; longest-running game shows (The Price is Right tops the list); game-show personalities; and more. The second edition was published in 1995.