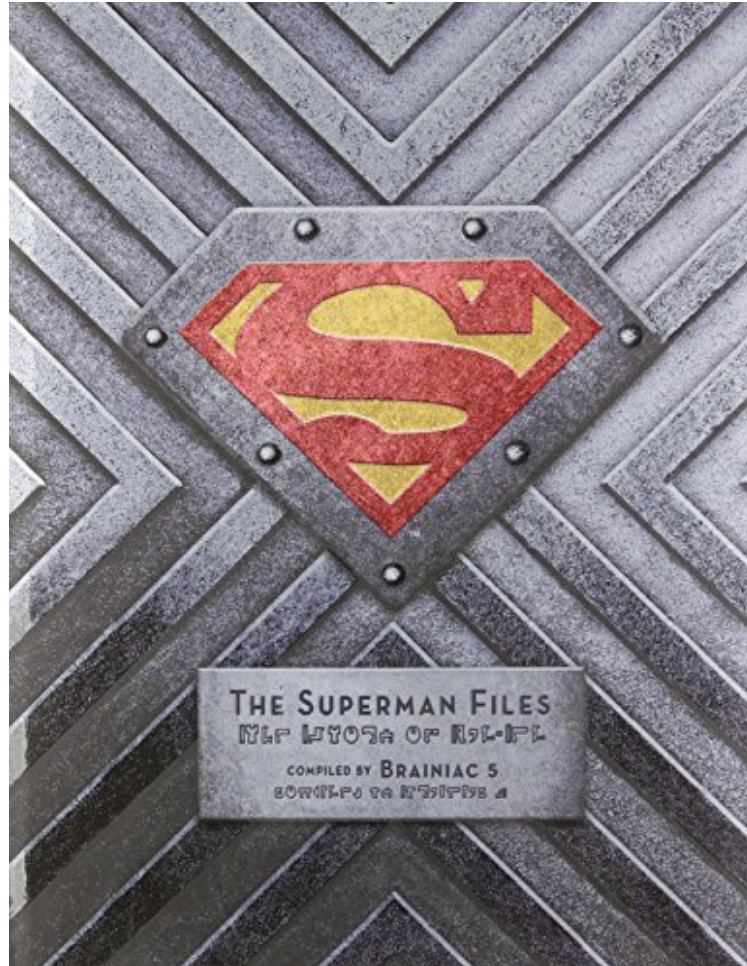


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Expanded)) by having some of the artifacts be removable and/or interactive. *An example: "The Superman Files" features a map of Metropolis printed on a page; while The Dark Knight Manual: Tools, Weapons, Vehicles and Documents from the Batcave has a fold-out removable map of Gotham that is 4 times bigger and thus so much more detailed (not to mention you could take it out and display it). Regardless, there is no doubt this is a quality book. The paper is thick and glossy. There is a very nice image to text ratio that will make it appealing for those who like to read as well as those who take more delight in the visual aspects. Recommended for fans of the Superman comics. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Susan T. My husband was really excited when I gave this to him and immediately started reading. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Pleased with price..... By Maleficent The book arrived in perfect condition. It arrived in a clear wrap. I did not remove the wrap because its a Christmas gift. Its a great book for fans. You can use other websites to get more detailed info in the inside.

The Superman Files reveals the secret life of the man named Clark Kent and the world of the greatest superhero. It's a comprehensive account of his history, employing clippings from the Daily Planet, journal entries, surviving artifacts from Krypton, schematics for the Fortress of Solitude and other technology, files from Stryker's Island Prison, as well as hundreds of "photographs" of Superman's enemies and allies culled from modern Superman comics. The Superman Files offers a complete, in-depth life story of the Man of Steel, from his birth on Krypton as Kal-El through his present, as Clark Kent and Superman, and even onward into the future. One thousand years from now, a group of superpowered teenagers is inspired by Superman's legacy. They band together and form the Legion of Super-Heroes, a crime-fighting group dedicated to protecting the citizens of the United Planets. One of these teens is Brainiac 5, a highly intelligent descendant of Superman's arch foe, the original Brainiac. Like many people in the 31st Century, members of the Legion idolize Superman. They frequent the Superman Museum and marvel at tales of his past. A few of them even travel back in time to Clark Kent's teenage years. They recruit him to their team, thereby jumpstarting the adventures of Superboy, the Boy of Steel. In a future without precise records of the 21st Century, Brainiac 5 takes it upon himself to compile a tribute to his hero and friend. Collecting accounts from a myriad of sources, he compiles the universe's greatest historical record of the life and times of the Man of Steel. The Superman Files chronicles seventy-five years of adventures in one easy-to-understand history of the Last Son of Krypton. Appealing to Superman fans of any age--from new collectors just starting out with the New 52 to longtime readers who have followed the character from his very first adventures--there is something for everyone. With a modern tone and a deep respect for his legacy, The Superman Files is not only entertaining, but it is also a complete and thorough history of the Man of Steel. SUPERMAN and all related characters and elements are trademarks of and DC Comics. (s13)

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