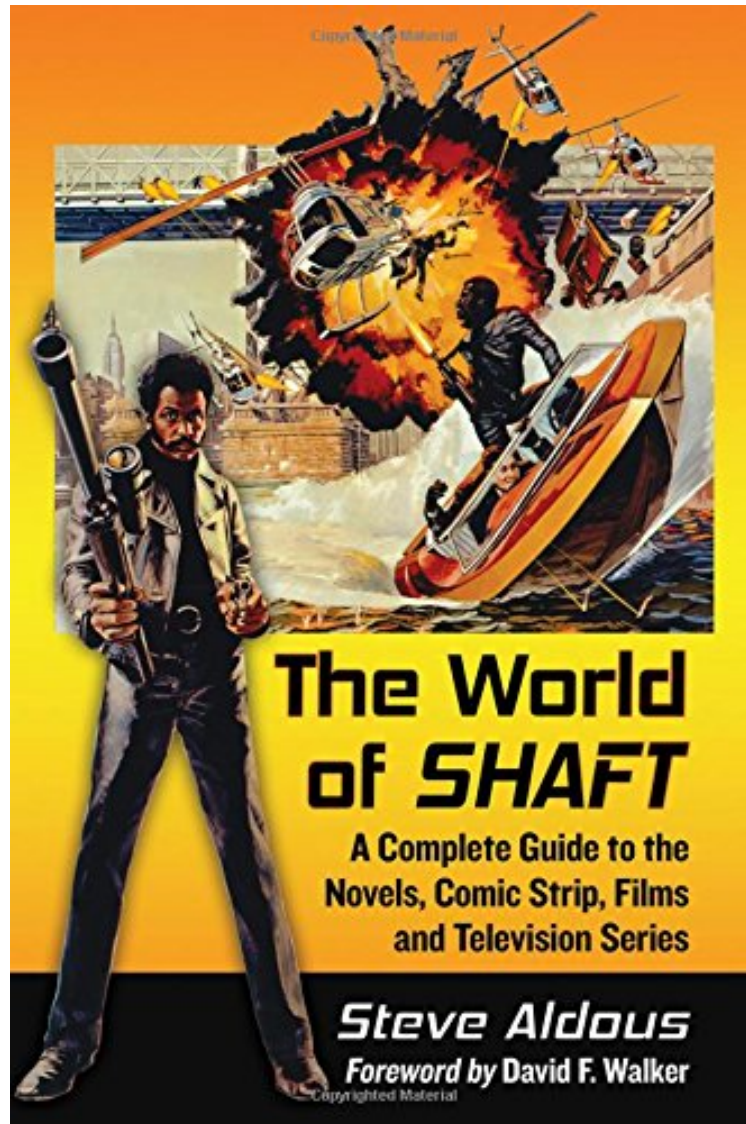


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has endured for me since I saw it in a movie theater in Atlanta, Georgia during the summer of 1971. My mother and her best friend took me to the drive in across town in Cleveland to see 'Shaft's Big Score' on the last night it played and I don't remember where I saw the final film, 'Shaft in Africa'. The original novel by Ernest Tidyman was much different from the films, but enjoyable. Throughout the years, as books on the history of cinema and making of specific films continued to gain in publishing prominence, I held out hope that there would one day be an examination of this character who saved a studio and literally launched a genre of film. Author Steve Aldous comes to the rescue with 'The World of Shaft', a detailed overview of all iterations of the detective, from book to film to comic strip, to comic book. Incredibly well researched and documented (the samples of the unreleased comic strip is worth the price of the book), Aldous has a tendency to give the reader the same information several times at different points in the book, which is fine if you're just hopping around, but if you're reading it straight through, it's a bit annoying. But that aside, It's as close to ideal for a fan of John Shaft as will likely ever be found. I'm hopeful future editions will be offered in a hardbound format. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Must-Have for Shaft Fans By Lee Goldberg A wonderful, fascinating, well-researched, and extremely detailed look into every permutation of SHAFT... from the books, to the feature films, and on through the TV movies. It's everything a SHAFT fan could want, filled with terrific details on the writing and development of the books and films. An excellent resource for anyone interested in SHAFT or simply how a franchise is handled -- or, perhaps, mishandled -- across various mediums. Strongly recommended!! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Vista Hater An indispensable resource guide. Thoroughly researched and full of tons of information.

Mention Shaft and most people think of Gordon Parks' seminal 1971 film starring Richard Roundtree in a leather coat, walking the streets of Manhattan to Isaac Hayes' iconic theme music. But the black private dick who inspired the blaxploitation film genre actually made his debut on the printed page as the creation of a white novelist. Ernest Tidyman was a seasoned journalist down on his luck when he decided to try his hand at fiction. Shaft was the result, giving Tidyman the break he was looking for. He went on to become an Academy Award winning screenwriter and respected film producer. Based on extensive research of Tidyman's personal papers, this book tells the story of Shaft from the perspective of his creator. The author provides new insight and analysis of the writing of the Shaft novels, as well as the production of the films and TV series. First-ever coverage of the forgotten Shaft newspaper comic strip includes previously unseen artwork. Also included is Shaft's recent reappearance on the printed page, in both comic book and prose form.

"excellent"--Kirkus s; "buy this book...pretty much all you'd ever want to know about Shaft"--The Thrilling Detective Web Site; "extensive information...the only go-to quick reference you'll ever need...essential"--Cinema Retro; "a wonderful, fascinating, well-researched, and extremely detailed look into every permutation of Shaft...everything a Shaft fan could want, filled with terrific details on the writing and development of the books and films...excellent...strongly recommended"--Lee Goldberg, author and producer. About the Author Steve Aldous works in the banking industry in the UK and has a lifelong interest in crime fiction and cinema. The author of a number of well-received short stories, he lives in Bury, Lancashire, UK.