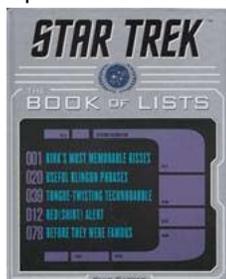


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## Star Trek The Book Of Lists

So you think you know all there is to know about Star Trek? You're about to find out. 'Star Trek The Book Of Lists' compiled and written by Chip Carter and Published by Harper Design, features 100 lists of facts and trivia from the Star Trek TV series, movies and more (minus the recently launched Star Trek Discovery). Immerse yourself in the universe of Kirk, Spock, Picard, Sisko, Archer, Janeway and the hundreds of other Star Trek characters. Learn details about the various stories, the Klingons and Romulans, techno-babble, planets societies—the lists go on and on. What were Kirk's most memorable kisses? What does it mean to wear a red Starfleet shirt? Learn Klingon phrases. What famous historical figures appeared on the shows? Learn all about some actresses and actors before they were famous. There's so much information, tidbits and behind-the-scenes goodies that it will take you here to Antares to read and digest them all. It's a Star Trek fan's dream come true. The book is packed with photos art, charts and even a section on Star Trek toys! Boldly go where no Star Trek fan has gone before!



## Spirit Warriors and Kaiba's Collector Box

The Yu-Gi-Oh! Trading Card Game goodies just keep on coming from Konami. What better way to celebrated the upcoming holidays (and they make great gifts) than a rousing game of Yu-Gi-Oh!? The Thanksgiving turkey and Santa Claus better hold onto their stuffing and sleigh as Yu-Gi-Oh! piles on the gaming fun!

Here's what to expect.

### Spirit Warriors Booster 5-Pack

Includes members/support for the "Six Samurai" archetype. Introduces the "Magical Musket" and "The Weather" archetypes to the TCG.

The set contains 60 cards:  
20 Secret Rares  
40 Super Rares

### Kaiba's Collector Box

1 Starter Deck: Kaiba Reloaded  
3 Duelist Pack: Yugi Booster Packs  
3 Duelist Pack: Kaiba Booster Packs  
1 Ultra Rare "Blue-Eyes White Dragon"  
1 Case Topper "Blue-Eyes White Dragon"

So what are you waiting for? Rush out and get your holiday YGO today before they are all gone!



## Hogan's Heroes

Back in the 1960s crooner Bing Crosby headed a film and TV show development company. One of his TV series pitches involved Prisoners Of War in a Nazi POW camp. Sounds reasonable-right? After all the end of World War II ended barely 20 years previously and citizens and veterans who were alive during the war years still remembered the Nazi's atrocities. What better way to depict the horrors of war than with a TV series about the war? War TV series were popular at the time with series such as Combat and Twelve O-Clock high. The only problem is, the TV series was a comedy set in a POW camp! The immediate out roar over the series was deafening and even before the show aired it almost got canceled. Fortunately the show never played down the war; it simply shied away from the atrocities since the story was in a POW camp-not a concentration camp.

Hogan's Heroes went on to become a popular TV series. Most WWII veterans liked it. CBS/Paramount's 'The Complete Hogan's Heroes Kommandant's Collection' contains all six seasons of the comedy series starring Bob Crane as Colonel Robert Hogan, the commander of an undercover, covert team of Allied spies stationed at a POW camp who thwarted the Nazis on every turn. Commandeered by the incompetent Colonel Klink who was assisted by the bumbling Sergeant Schultz, unwittingly housed the spies in his camp that he boasted as never having been escaped from.

Hogan's Heroes was one of my favorite comedy TV series. I especially liked Sergeant Schultz whose catchphrases 'I know nothing.' and 'Colonel Hogan!' never failed to bring a smile to my face. The 27-disc collection contains all the TV series episodes and some very special extras including the original pilot, interviews, behind-the-scenes shenanigans, a MAD parody, several featurettes, home movies, bloopers, commercials, commentaries and so much more.

It's the comedy that went to war...and won!



## EW277HDR Monitor

For 25 years I made my living as a graphic designer. A portion of that was old school using paste-up and a drawing table. I transitioned to digital, which I preferred.

For an additional 11 years I taught graphic design at a local high school.

Computers and software come and go. They're pretty much the same just more complicated and sophisticated and with more bells and whistles as the years pass.

To me the most important component of a computer set-up is the monitor.

A monitor can make or break any design work. It is vitally important that color saturation, proper contrast, lighting, detail in images and especially black intensity are spot on.

BenQ's <http://www.benq.us/new> 'EW277HDR Monitor' does it all. More on that later.

First things first. The monitor comes expertly packaged in a large heavy cardboard box inserted with two Styrofoam content cradles. The screen and components come in two separate panels. Parts and screen are snugly and securely fit into the panels with additional foam sheathing protecting individual parts. It's one tough shipping unit.

Besides the screen the box contains a two-part power cord, an HDMI cable and a fully adjustable two-part stand.

Set was snap using the illustrated instruction sheet. A driver and digital user's manual disc is also included.

Within a few minutes I had the monitor hooked up to my Windows 7 computer. One push of the power button and I was in business.

Several ports are available on the monitor for VGA and HDMI. Built-in, high intensity, integrated 2WX2 speakers allow for crystal clear audio when watching videos, online content and even when listening to online music.

On the majority of monitors color, contrast and lighting controls are rudimentary at best. With the EW277HDR Monitor each is taken to the highest level of control.

Picture modes include Standard, HDR, Low Blue Light, Game, Photo, SRGB, Rec. 709, ECO, M-book and User. All are vitally important settings if you do design work like myself, watch videos or game.

By having pre-set lighting conditions it makes it far easier to adjust and compensate for natural light. I find this especially helpful when designing artwork. Proper presentation and color sharpness and intensity often determine if a project looks correct once printed or displayed online and through social media channels.

The monitor's large screen provides an ideal work area for design projects, offers gamers a wide scenario for gaming environments and video or movies or TV shows (both on DVD and streaming) virtually pop with color, white and black intensity and clarity.

Luminance is bumped up an impressive 33% and the Brightness Enhancement Mode simulates high resolution by boosting pixel intensity.

In layman's terms it simply means the color, details and experience overall is improved significantly.

Other monitor features include Low Blue Light selection for Web, Office, etc, input selection, full picture manual lighting adjustments, Picture Advance

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

settings for maximum control, display capabilities for screen adjustments, Audio controls and System controls for input keys, screen settings and other adjustments.

The EW277HDR Monitor gives you complete control of every aspect of viewing from lighting, to screen position, audio, contrast and more. Each control allows designers, gamers, DVD enthusiasts, online video audiences and anyone, regardless how they use their computer, complete control of what they see.

BenQ's Eye-Care and Brightness Intelligence Plus Technology ensures hours spent in front of the 27-inch EW277HDR Monitor are healthy, easy on the eyes and productive.

While I was designing and teaching I would have loved to have had a EW277HDR Monitor. The ease of use, easy to understand function menus, quick and accurate pre-set adjustments, color and detail provided, height and angle adjustments and large screen make for a very enjoyable experience.

I highly recommend the EW277HDR Monitor to anyone in the graphic design profession, into gaming, video viewing and day-to-day office or home use to purchase it.



## Roll & Roar Animal Train

You've heard the phrase, "Get it in gear!" V-tech has taken that phrase's meaning-literally!

V-tech's 'Roll & Roar Animal Train' has so many gears and handles that children ages 1 1/2 to 4 years old will spend hours turning gears, watching animals spin about and making fun noises and phrases.

Gears, animals, a train, fun noises and a great way to learn-what more could a kid ask for?

The Roll & Roar Animal Train features a lovable bear, a purple car elephant and a spinning, zebra, bear and hippo along with an extra set of colorful gears.

The train engine has a spinning smoke-stack with smoke, a spinning animal that can be changed out for other animals and a front engine cap that spins at the turn of a handle.

Its four wheels also turn as kids roll it across the floor as do the engine car and caboose.

The passenger car holds the blue and purple elephant holding red and purple gears.

The caboose carries the circus bear in his bright blue collar and by turning the gear attached to his arm the entire caboose gear assembly turns and raises and lowers the caboose top.

There are 15 mix & match gears and the entire train is loaded with sound!

Move the Smart Gear animals to the engine for some silly songs with animal sounds.

Slide the bar on the side of the engine to switch from Exploration Fun to Quiz Mode and Mix & match.

Push the blue, red or yellow button above the slide bar in each selection and kids will hear music, speech and more.

By sliding the small blue switch below the slide bar and pushing select buttons kids get all kinds of sound, quiz, lessons and more.

What a great way for kids to learn, develop their coordination, sing and have fun at the same time!

The engine, passenger car and caboose detach from each other for individual play or easily reattach for locomotive mayhem.

Created in bright primary and secondary colors the Animal Train is built rugged, safe for kids with its smooth edges and large parts and offers hours of entertainment and learning.

Parents will love the volume control and automatic turn-off features.

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