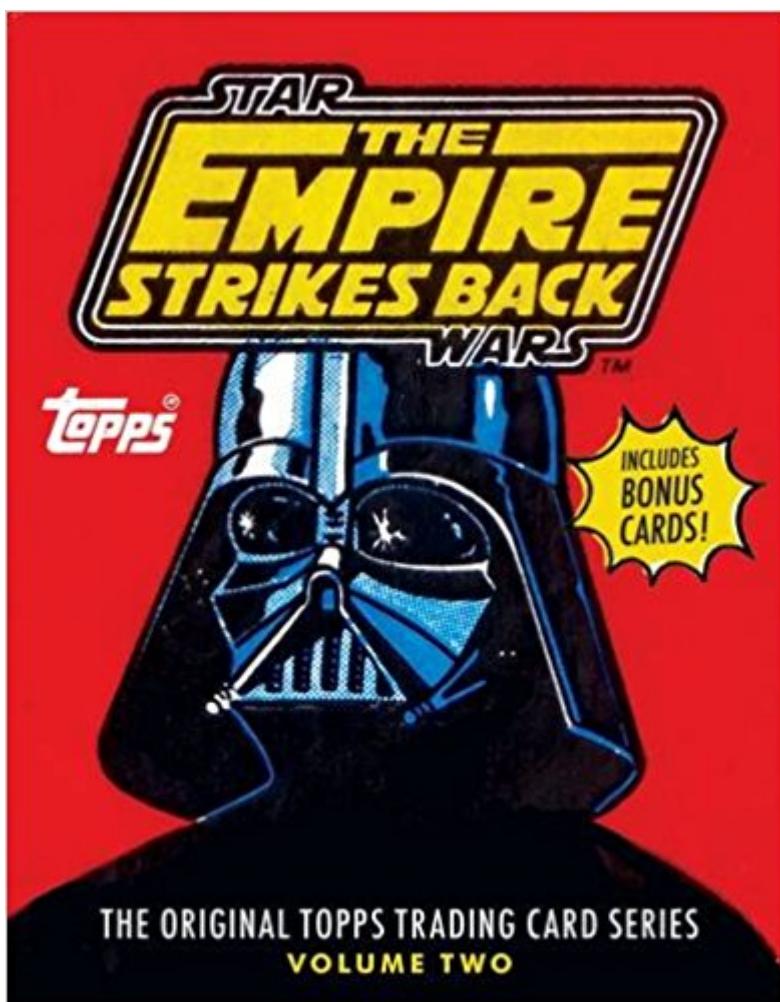


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# Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back: The Original Topps Trading Card Series, Volume Two (Topps Star Wars)



## Synopsis

In 1980, following the success of Star Wars (1977) and five tie-in trading card series based on the blockbuster film, Topps released three new series of collectible bubble gum cards to coincide with the release of The Empire Strikes Back. Now, for the first time, all 352 cards and 88 stickers are reprinted in a single deluxe volume. Reproducing the fronts and backs of each card, this collection includes character pro- files, story cards, movie facts, quotes, trivia, and puzzles featuring beloved characters and scenes from The Empire Strikes Back. Also included are four bonus trading cards, the Photo Card series, rare promotional images, and an introduction and commentary by Gary Gerani, the original editor of Topps' Star Wars series. Images courtesy of the Robert V. Conte Collection. Also available from Topps: Star Wars: Return of the Jedi, Volume Three; Star Wars: Return of the Jedi, Volume Three, The Original Topps Trading Card Series, Volume Two; and Star Wars Galaxy: The Original Topps Trading Card Series.

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## Customer Reviews

Gary Gerani is the creator, editor, and writer of hundreds of Topps trading card sets and the author of Topps' Star Wars series. Gerani lives in Los Angeles. The Topps Company, Inc., founded in 1938, is the preeminent creator and brand marketer of sports cards, entertainment products, and distinctive confectionery.

For some reason they decided to shrink the size of the landscape-oriented cards and a lot of the detail is lost. In contrast, the portrait-oriented cards are presented slightly larger than actual size (similar to how they appeared in the first volume) and the difference in image quality is striking (and kind of frustrating when you realize how much better the landscape cards COULD have looked). I appreciate that they were cramming the fronts and backs of each card on the same page, so some downsizing was necessary---but there is a LOT of white space bordering these spreads that could have contained more card image. Still recommend the book as a handy means to browse the entire card set, but a big step backwards from the previous volume.

I love this series of books, and they are well worth the price. The presentation, layout, and artwork are fantastic. I have been tempted many times to assemble a full set of the Topps series for the Star Wars films, but I think I prefer having these books instead. My only minor nitpick is with the comments under some of the cards. Seems like so much more information could be shared or at least the information could be accurate. However, they are really nice books, and I look forward to completing the set with Return of the Jedi.

Amazing full color images of the original cards released for Empire Strikes back. Unlike Volume One however, each card does not get a full page to shine. Most cards have to share with the reverse of the card. Unfortunately, Topps shows that they could have given each card its own page, by doing it for some cards, while shrinking others. Also disappointing is at the end when they reprint the oversized cards. Instead of turning the horizontal oriented cards 90 degrees and showcasing them like their vertical counterparts, Topps shrinks them down and prints smaller images so the reader doesn't have to turn the book. The trade-off would have been OK Topps, if I had to turn the book to view the image. I would have been viewing a bigger and better quality image. I also didn't see as many notes this time around on the individual cards as I did with Volume One. That is just my perception though, as I haven't sat down and counted them to see if there is an actual difference. Overall, try to see it in person before buying.

there are 3 in this series you need all 3 they go hand in hand super cool

I lost all my STAR WARS bubblegum cards and got a lot of them back again - in this book! Great buy.

As good as expected.

I like this volume better than the first one. I am in favor of having front and back of each featured on each page. I was not happy the backs were left out in the first volume. My biggest complaint of this volume and the first one is the size, it could have been the same as most other hardcovers without any trouble.

A great trip back to my childhood. The cards are just as you remember them. Only this time you have all the stickers! Only 4 stars because the Star Wars one is better with larger card picture and more information. But make no mistake this is a great book! Guess I'll have to buy the ROTJ book now too, but I mostly stopped collecting by then.

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