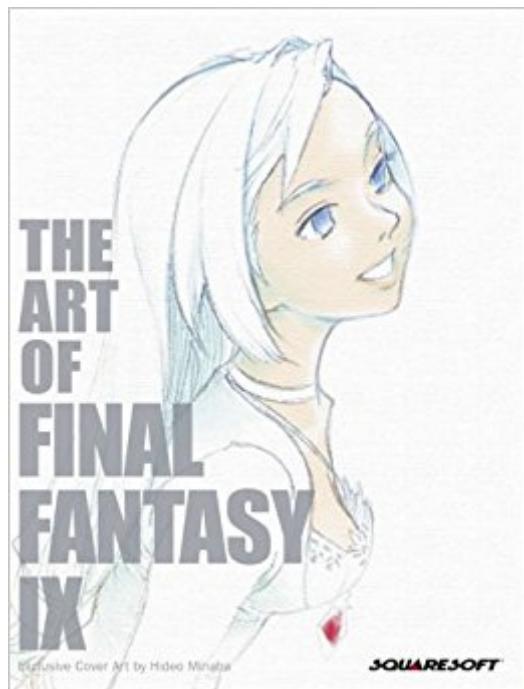


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more than 30 million units to date, and now publishes other titles under the SQUARESOFT brand spanning all genres. Square Co., Ltd. is based in Tokyo, Japan, and maintains a branch office in Osaka.

This is definitely a must have for any FFIIX fan. It does have some cons which I'll get to first. They aren't enough character designs for the actual main characters. Each party member gets a page of artwork dedicated to them, which isn't a lot, and then most of the other main NPC don't really get much, if anything at all. There is only one image of Kuja which is a watercolor picture that most have seen already which was disappointing. Besides that the artbook is truly wonderful. It's filled to the brim with so many things such as location, artship, and item designs. There are a lot of pages dedicated to showing the designs of the random characters throughout the game. I love it and I don't regret purchasing it one bit! Just the cover alone with Garnet is beautiful!

Okay, I am a HUGE fan of Final Fantasy IX. It was the first final fantasy game that I ever played and has a very fond place in my heart. I am also a huge collector of art books...and I'll be honest, this one was extremely disappointing. The best picture of Garnet is the one on the front cover, and that's saying something. The characters just do NOT get enough pages in here. If you really like the scenery of Final Fantasy IX, then this book is more for you - but I was hoping to see more on the characters themselves. I've never regretted buying an art book before until now. I just feel that such a great game deserved an even greater and more detailed artbook.

-Overall, it's a nice art book, but people not familiar with the game won't be as appreciative of it; however, the fans will be the greatest critics. From a fanatic's outlook, I would say the book doesn't let the game down.-The character section is full of great detailed designs that show their progression. This whimsical section of the book is just plain fun to look at. Of course, the notes are in Japanese (luckily I can read elementary Japanese), so with that being said, a few people may be upset that the book offers no translation. A few characters are missing from this section but nothing major. A few pictures on the characters' trances might have been nice, though.-The world section is probably the most interesting in the book and contains plenty of articulate architectural and landscape sketches (some of which weren't even used in the game). The airship section is nice and probably more detailed than one would think as is the equipment section (I wasn't expecting that).-The CG pictures are a nice inclusion, but come on, I've played the game, so a nice storyboard area in the book would have been cool (assuming there was some).Yoshitaka Amano's area in the

book is by the far the most stunning, but I am familiar with a few FINAL FANTASY IX concept drawings that were left out of the book (Necron, Queen Brahne).-Now, I wouldn't spend a fortune on this book, but if you are a fan (as much as I am) and can find the book for a decent price... I say go for it. You won't be disappointed.

Really good concept art book for side characters. FFIX really went all out on those guys - really livens up the world. For that alone this book is good. Not at all the most comprehensive concept art bible by any stretch of the imagination, though. I suppose in all fairness, concept bibles weren't really that big of a thing back in 2000. For the time it was made this is fantastic, and the art choices for this game are really great, but you get the feeling there's a bunch of stuff being left out.

These pictures are of noticeably less quality than the other art book, but you get more photos for same price. A good portion of book is still in Japanese (nothing too important, i dont feel like i missed anything big). Nice to see this game coming together though, you see some pre-renders of actual game backgrounds which is cool but. Nothing mind blowing, same character art as in other book so.....3stars. But if you a fan, buy it. w/e haha

A must have for any FFIX fan. I bought it used for \$6, but it was in surprisingly good condition. The book is ordered by sections (characters, weapons, backgrounds, etc.) and the art is gorgeous. My only complaint is that I wish there were more pictures for the characters.

Great book! My only concerns are that they don't have every character (IIRC they're missing a few sketches of Beatrix and some other important characters) and aside from the main 8 characters, no one else is labeled, so you might have to go hunting to find out who some of the characters are. Other than that, my brother loved it as a Christmas present!

A must-have for FFIX fans. Lots of great artwork from the game. I love the cover.

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