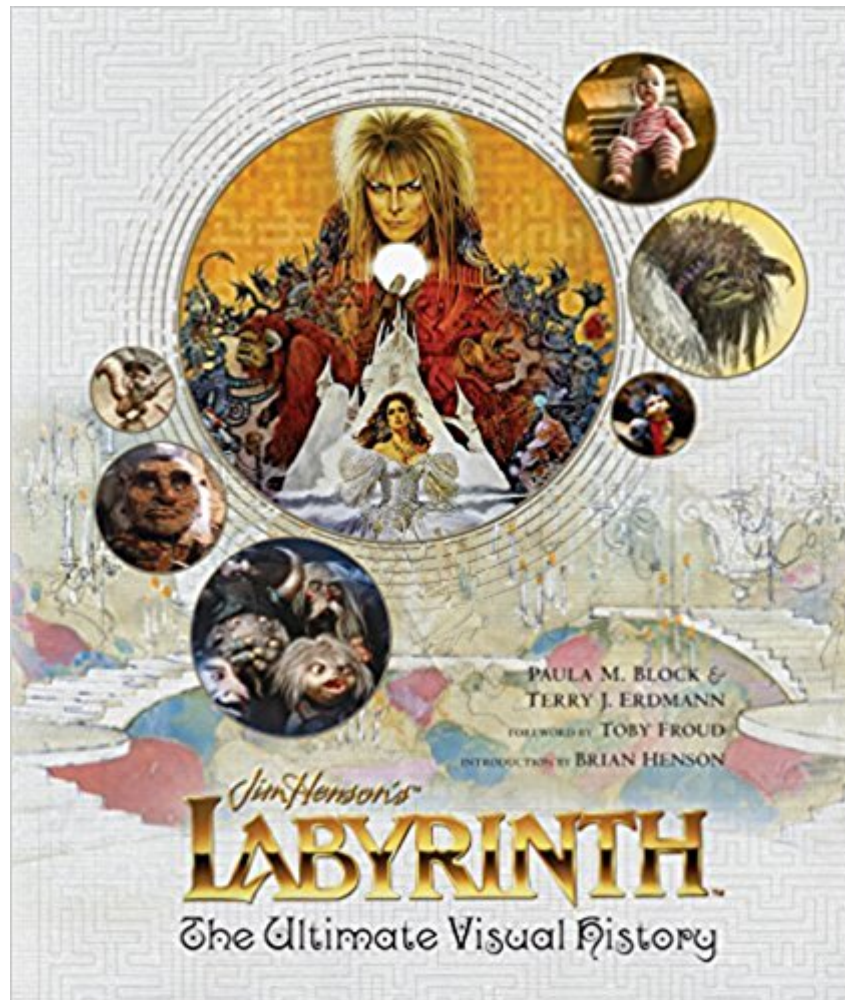




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# Labyrinth: The Ultimate Visual History



## Synopsis

*Labyrinth: The Ultimate Visual History* is the definitive thirtieth-anniversary exploration of the beloved Jim Henson classic, featuring rare artwork, interviews, and on-set photos. A Journey back to Jim Henson's *Labyrinth* in this visually stunning celebration of the enchanting fantasy classic. Three decades after its release, *Labyrinth*, starring David Bowie and Jennifer Connelly, continues to enthrall audiences with its winning mixture of fairy-tale magic, fantastical creatures, and unforgettable music. Filled with a wealth of rare and unseen behind-the-scenes imagery, this book explores the creation of the film as seen through the eyes of the artists, costume designers, and creature creators who gave *Labyrinth* its distinctive look. Featuring in-depth commentary from the talented crew and cast—including exclusive new interviews with Jennifer Connelly, Brian Henson, Brian Froud, and George Lucas—this deluxe book brings together a wealth of rare sketches, concept art, and candid set photography to form an incredible treasure trove for *Labyrinth* fans. With stunning visuals and unparalleled insight into the creation of a true modern classic, *Labyrinth: The Ultimate Visual History* is the perfect companion piece to one of the best-loved fantasy films of all time.

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## Customer Reviews

“This is a truly behind- and in-the-scenes look at a film that has maintained a pull on audiences for decades. With sketches, interviews with cast and crew and thorough research, Block and Erdmann explore the genesis of the film, its script, its puppets, the ins and outs of its filming, and the ups and downs of its reception. It's at once dazzling and engrossing.” — Shelf Awareness

Paula M. Block is the coauthor of the novella *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine* "Lust's Latinum Lost" and numerous nonfiction books about the entertainment industry, including *Star Trek: The Original Series 365*, *Star Trek 101*, *Monk: The Official Episode Guide*, *The 4400 Companion*, *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine Companion*, *The Secrets of Star Trek Insurrection*, *Star Trek: Action!*, and *The Magic of Tribbles*. She is also the coeditor of Pocket Books' popular short story series *Star Trek: Strange New Worlds*. She has been a columnist for the *Chicago Sun-Times*, the Midwest correspondent for *Biotechnology Newswatch*, and the international editor for *Chemical Week*. After nineteen years overseeing and editing licensed publishing for Paramount Pictures and CBS Television, Paula moved to Southern Oregon, where she and her husband, author Terry J. Erdmann, write a monthly entertainment column for *The Jacksonville Review*. Terry J. Erdmann is the coauthor of the novella *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine* "Lust's Latinum Lost" and numerous nonfiction books about the entertainment industry, including *Star Trek: The Original Series 365*, *Star Trek 101*, *Monk: The Official Episode Guide*, *The Last Samurai Official Companion*, *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine Companion*, *The Secrets of Star Trek Insurrection*, *The Magic of Tribbles*, *The Tribble Handbook*, *Star Trek: Action!*, and *The 4400 Companion*. As a motion picture publicist, he helped to create the marketing campaigns for dozens of films, from *Cocoon*, *Aliens*, and *Willow*, to *What's Love Got to Do With It*, *Father of the Bride Part II*, *G.I. Jane*, and *Star Trek V: The Final Frontier*. He lives in Southern Oregon, where he and his wife, author Paula M. Block, write a monthly entertainment column for *The Jacksonville Review*.

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Packaging .. Well I have mixed feelings about this . It looks and feels lovely .The cover is hard back with some embossed details .But are some things like replicas of Jim Henson's notes and letters, that are glued and tucked in kinda scrapbook like. So this isn't something to be handled by small kids. I'm actually considering getting some plastic to cover the book. Maybe even a comic book storage bag for the extras.The cover design matches very well with the 30th Anniversary editions of

the DVD and Blu Ray disks as well as the soundtrack cd. The contents are so richly detailed and easy to understand . I can tell a lot of love and hard work went into the research. Some of the pics and cast/crew interviews were taken from other sources like the " Making of..." documentary from the dvd/blu ray disks. But that's OK since some of the cast and crew are no longer with us. (RIP Jim Henson and David Bowie ) That's the only way their "voices/words" could be included with the rest . The print quality . The text is easy to read. I haven't noticed any spelling or grammar errors . The font that was used in the chapter titles is very pretty and it fits in well the look and feel of Labyrinth . All of the photos look fantastic ! You can see almost every detail in the costumes and sets. The colors of Brian Fraud ' s art are crisp and vibrant ! Conclusion ! If you are a Jim Henson fan, get this book ! If you are a film buff , get this book ! If you are a history buff, get this book ! If you love art and photography , get this book ! If you are a Brian Fraud fan, get this book ! If you are a David Bowie fan, get this book !

Speechless!! This book far exceeds any expectations. I absolutely love it. Of course, I just received it so it will take time to read and look through all of the treasure filled pages. Probably the best visuals I've seen in a book to date. Can't wait to read it.

Great and very complete and colorful book. Large and high quality for coffee table display - my daughter LOVES it. Has a lot of the original hand drawn artwork used to create the characters - perfect for the artist in the family to learn how to draw the Jim Henson characters. Also fantastic actor background as well as history and background of the Henson family and all of the wonderful puppets he created throughout his career. Great book at a very decent price Chris

I received this amazing book today and I'm absolutely in LOVE with it! I grew up watching Labyrinth and to this day, I still love it, and always will! It's so well detailed and a MUST HAVE for every Jim Henson and Labyrinth fan. It's definitely a big favorite of mine, especially with me also a fan of David Bowie, God rest his soul. He was AMAZING as Jareth. No one else could've done a better job at that role than him. He was meant for it. This book is something special to have and to remember him. A work of art is what this is. Just gorgeous!

This book is AMAZING...very obviously a labor of love. I was one of the many children who grew up watching & loving this movie. There are SO many little tidbits of information and behind the scenes photos...every page is entralling. If you're a fan of the movie...or Jim Henson or David Bowie or

Terry Jones or Brian Froud...you NEED this!

Contains a lot of cool extras I didn't expect. They glue recreations of design notes between artists and things like that. Instead of a picture of the art or note, they make a replica in some cases. Great book.

A gift for my adult daughter that is an avid Labyrinth fan. She loves it, and the pages within pages concept is fantastic. The original art and hand drawing progressions are superb.

Dance magic dance! I loved that they broke down how they came up with the characters, handled the storyline, and the production setups. They talked about how they created it and came up with tactics to solve on the set problems (like the Escher stairs). Also they paid homage to the late Henson and Bowie and their efforts they utilized in the making of the movie.

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