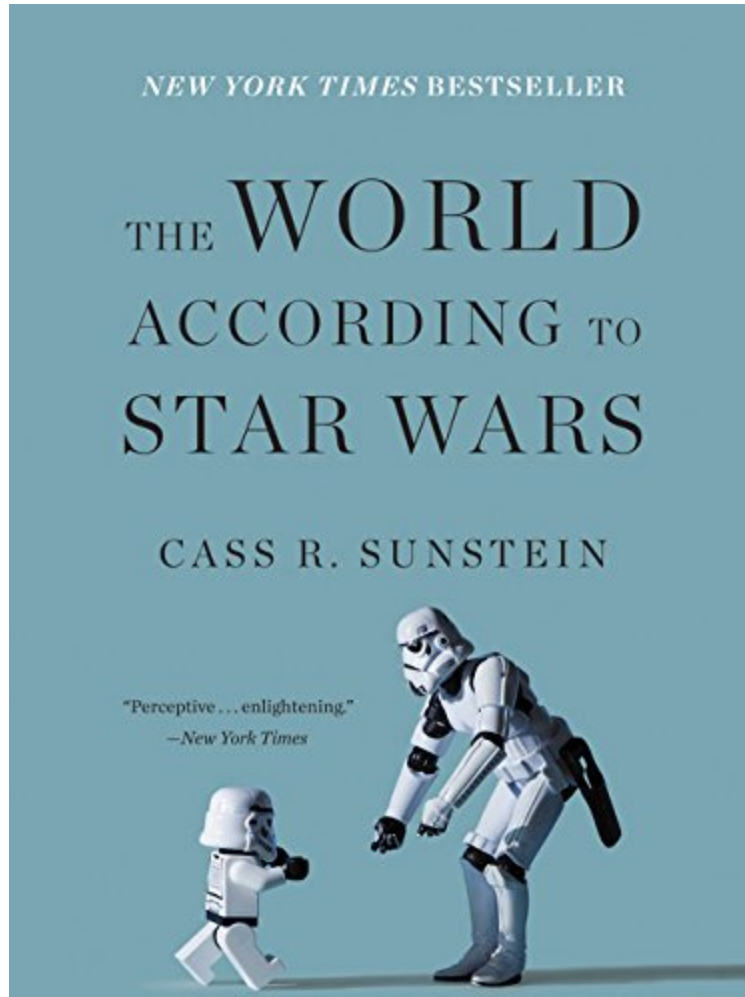


# The World According to Star Wars

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**Cass R. Sunstein : The World According to Star Wars** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The World According to Star Wars:

6 of 7 people found the following review helpful. One of the must reads for Star War fans and scholars By loyal customer Bill I bought this little book following an outstanding lecture by the author that I recently heard. Coincidentally on archived cable TV, I had the chance to watch all first 6 Star War films in a 2-day marathon. I was initially put off by the book because its format is a bit confusing--since I didn't know the films in detail, his use of the word "Episodes" in the Contents not representing the film episodes was confusing, and the chart on page 143 was even more confusing as I tried to figure out the sequence of films. Also, nowhere were their short summaries of the plots of each film. But, I looked at several other Star Wars books elsewhere, and everywhere there seemed a paucity of plot summaries. I almost wonder if copyright prohibits summarizing the story in a clear way in "unauthorized" books.

These and other criticisms I could mention aside, this is an outstanding book by a brilliant author, even if the topic is outside his usual professional arena. But, the author does explain how he developed a profound interest in Star Wars. Basically, he chose to address a wide variety of topics which put the epic venture in various relevant social contexts and widely explore just why the Star Wars series is both so popular and so significant. As with so many other books on Star Wars I have seen, one can become very confused if one has not seen the films with enjoyment, curiosity, and a good memory. Having not read the extensive other literature on the films, I nevertheless suspect that this book is one of the essentials. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Much more than I expected! By 5 Star Ron Excellent telling of the back story that led Lucas on a wild journey to create Star Wars. Using that backdrop, Sunstein uses social psychology, behavioral science and surprise - constitutional law to weave in modern day examples of how the principles in the story mirror our experiences today. Highly recommend! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Interesting and Fun Read By bmain007 Not sure what I was expecting from this title when I started, but it was a more fun read than I had expected. I was worried that he might be overly intellectual or a bit too dry with this fun subject matter. However, this was not the case at all. It was a fun read throughout, but still made me question and look at Star Wars in ways I never had before. I give it 4 stars because I thought at times it seemed like he was only skimming the surface where I wished he'd dug deeper than in others it was just the opposite. I highly recommend it to any passionate fan of Star Wars.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER #1 Washington Post Bestseller There's Santa Claus, Shakespeare, Mickey Mouse, the Bible, and then there's Star Wars. Nothing quite compares to sitting down with a young child and hearing the sound of John Williams's score as those beloved golden letters fill the screen. In this fun, erudite, and often moving book, Cass R. Sunstein explores the lessons of Star Wars as they relate to childhood, fathers, the Dark Side, rebellion, and redemption. As it turns out, Star Wars also has a lot to teach us about constitutional law, economics, and political uprisings. In rich detail, Sunstein tells the story of the films' wildly unanticipated success and explores why some things succeed while others fail. Ultimately, Sunstein argues, Star Wars is about freedom of choice and our never-ending ability to make the right decision when the chips are down. Written with buoyant prose and considerable heart, *The World According to Star Wars* shines a bright new light on the most beloved story of our time.

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