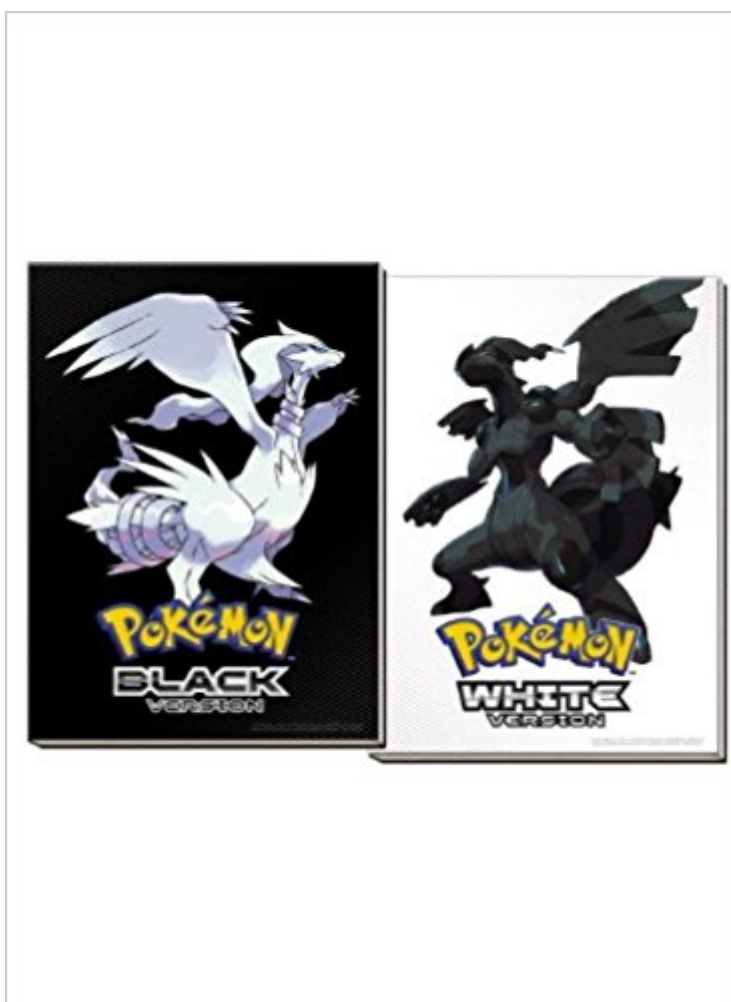


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Customer Reviews

I received this book today and am very pleased with the purchase. This is a hardcover collector's edition for Pokémon Black and Pokémon white versions. It includes the official strategy guide and

the Unova region Pokedex. Each book is individually numbered inside the front cover. The lenticular cover is really more of a removable poster, printed on flexible yet sturdy plastic. I'm thinking of framing it to hang on the wall. It is a very cool image that transforms from Reshiram to Zekrom depending on the viewing angle. Also included is a small removable Unova region full-color map with a Type Matchup Chart on the back. The first part of the book (up to page 56) is an introduction to the game that will be useful for new or experienced players. About half the book (pages 57-234) is a complete walkthrough of the games, very similar to other official Pokemon strategy guides. After the walkthrough is a list of all trainers that you have battled in the game, though it only shows what they look like, their location and what item they have, it doesn't have any information about what Pokemon they own, making it not very useful for completing your Pokedex. A few pages before the Pokedex itself are dedicated to Pokemon that can change forms. This includes three Unova region Pokemon but the rest are familiar such as Rotom, Giratina and Magnezone. The familiar Pokemon appear to have some availability in Black and/or White, as the list isn't comprehensive for Pokemon found in regions outside Unova. The remainder of the book (about 80 pages) is the Unova Pokedex. This Pokedex is quite complete, and includes 1) Unova Pokedex number, 2) Pokemon Category, 3) Type, 4) Height and Weight, 5) Gender, 6) Held Item, 7) In-game Form, 8) Footprint, 9) Pokedex Entry for both Black and White versions, 10) Evolution, 11) Abilities, 12) Egg Groups, 13) Stat Levels, 14) Main Ways to Obtain in Black and White versions, 15) Level-up Moves, 16) TM & HM moves that can be learned, 17) Moves Taught by People, 18) Egg Moves. Interesting Victini, the only Psychic Fire type pokemon, is the last entry in the Pokedex and is numbered 000. Thus the Unova region Pokedex contains a total of 153 Pokemon (numbered 000-152). This collector's edition lacks reverse lookup charts such as for learned moves and TMs/HMs, and, frustratingly, it lacks an index of Unova region Pokemon (though there are indices for items and gym badges, TMs/HMs and main characters). It also doesn't have much post-story line game play information. But I consider those minor flaws, and it is possible that information will be (or is) available in other guides. For the Pokemon fan who is playing either the Black or White version, I would highly recommend this book as a complete walkthrough guide and Unova region Pokedex in a beautiful package.

I bought this guide for my daughter and son who just got both versions of the Black and White game. I decided for the hardbound version because the Pokemon Platinum guide I purchased for them fell to pieces after years of use. The book is beautifully bound with silver foil inlays of two of the new pokemon on the cover and a pokeball on the back. The pages are tightly bound and the book and the illustrations of the new pokemon are very nicely done. If there is a drawback it is that

the paper should really be a bit thicker and there really should be an index. The book does include the Pokedex, but it does not include any post game material. Sadly it doesn't look like there will be a companion hardback for the post game material so I will have to buy the paperback. I was really hoping that there would be a section explaining stats, IVs, and EVs but there isn't. This shortcoming aside, it is a nice book and well worth owning.

The collector's edition of the Black/White guidebook has the story walkthrough and the Unova region Pokedex, as well as a section about the basics of the game. All of these work very well. There are a few lists that I didn't think were very necessary, e.g. a list of every trainer you can battle in the game. I can't give the collector's edition five stars, though, because it's missing many things I consider crucial for a Pokemon guidebook: the lists of items, TMs/HMs, moves, and abilities. I expected this edition to contain all of the contents of the standard Vol. 1 and 2 books combined. If I had known that the collector's edition didn't have these, I would have just purchased the two separate volumes for an extra \$5 on . Like other reviews have mentioned, there is actually a small advertisement for the Vol. 2 guidebook within the collector's edition book. I can easily look up abilities and moves online, but I like the convenience of having it all in a book that's easy to navigate. So if you're looking for a guidebook with items, TMs, moves, abilities, etc., go with Vol. 2. In terms of quality, however, the collector's edition is beautiful. The hardcover is gorgeous, and the book actually feels and looks like something of value, unlike the guidebooks I've had for previous Pokemon games.

As I started out on my journey in the new Unova region (the location of Pokemon Black and White), I quickly come across the realization I need help beyond the manual included in the game. That's where this guide comes in. This guide has a walk-through, letting you know what items and Pokemon can be found where. It's a little off, though. I didn't find some of the fighting Pokemon around Pinwheel Forest, for instance, that it claimed were there. There's a Pokedex in the back, but of course, this is for only the new Pokemon. I chose the collector's edition because it combines the other two books available, plus it's all put together in a single, nice hardcover. There's a few bonuses, like a chart, separate from the book, that shows which types are strong against which types. This will be mounted on my wall eventually, for quick reference. I am waiting for a guide that truly explains Pokemon battle strategies, though. Which stats do I want and why? Which abilities, traits, moves are more useful than others? They do this to an extent for some things (like which Pokemon can use multiple HM moves for getting around).

This is worth it in comparison to buying the two separate guides. Packed with full detail and no need to spend extra money. The poster map is cute as always. I never bother to hang them up for some reason. Lenticular cover is fun to stare at and doubles as a mini poster.

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