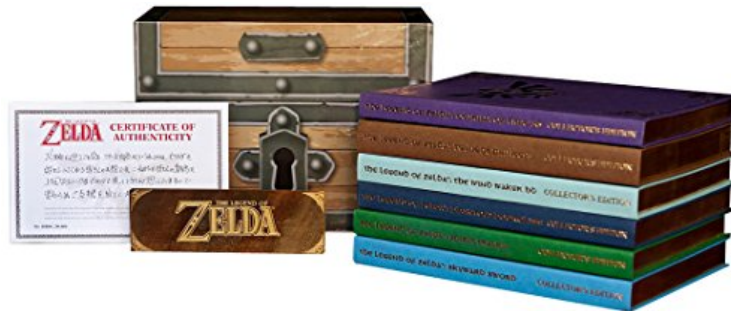


## The Legend of Zelda Box Set: Prima Official Game Guide

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**David Hodgson, Stephen Stratton : The Legend of Zelda Box Set: Prima Official Game Guide** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Legend of Zelda Box Set: Prima Official Game Guide:

49 of 52 people found the following review helpful. A Great Collection For New Buyers or Buyers of Previous Editions Alike!!! A MUST HAVE!!!By Christopher B. JenkinsThis collection is OUTSTANDING in terms of quality and appearance. Over the years, I have purchased most of these guides and got the additional materials that were included with them (though these were not replicated for the guides in this collection unfortunately). If ever you were looking for a nice collection of books concerning The Legend of Zelda or to aid in completing the games, this set is DEFINITELY for you.PROS:1) Quality: The outer box resembles a treasure chest, the likes of which Link finds all across Hyrule (and many other worlds connected to it). It is a sturdy cardboard coated with a gloss-like finish, and it seems to have a magnetic clasp built in to keep the top closed. On the roof of the top, when opened, is a slot containing a metallic (yes, metallic, not vinyl or cardboard) bookmark that has been beautifully etched by what appears to be laser. It contains the logo of the series on one side and the crest of the Royal Family of Hyrule on the other, making for a very attractive (and unexpectedly greater quality) bookmark. The books themselves all appear to be of slightly better quality than their original prints (which had binding problems and easily tore in some instances).2) Additional Goodies: The most obvious additional item (and most sought after in time I am sure) would be the guide for Ocarina of Time 3D, which is only available through this set (of which only 50,000 exist). I have examined it, and it is a VERY nice guide for the game, and as beautifully put together as its companion guides. Another obvious extra is the metallic bookmark, which is really one of the nicest bookmarks I have seen honestly. Also, something else extra that may be easy to miss is this: some of the materials in this print of the guides have been expanded upon (the number of pages in Skyward Sword's guide has increased by 100 if that tells you anything).3) Collectible Status: The set comes with a certificate of authenticity that includes a stamped number out of 50,000 and with the printed message and signature of Eiji Aonuma. It marks the set as one out of 50,000 which indicates its collectible status and will almost certainly indicate an increase in value as time goes on.4) Packaging: I have NEVER seen such good packaging for any item I have bought online as I have for this one. The box the collection was shipped in is a good middle size containing two foam-like holding pieces that fit onto each end of the chest/box which hold it in place (and suspend it both above the shipping box's bottom and below the shipping box's top) and ensures that the package will not move

around inside the shipping box at all during transport. I intend to keep the shipping box and packaging the collection came in to transport it again when I am ready to move. You can definitely rest assured that the collection will not suffer damage during shipping.

CONS: 1) Lack of Previous Additional Materials: As indicated before, the previous materials included with the previous print of these guides were not included, nor the map from the recently released Wind Waker HD guide. This is a small complaint, as Twilight Princess's guide originally came with a cloth map of Hyrule, the Phantom Hourglass guide came with a vinyl bookmark of its own, and the Spirit Tracks guide originally came with a printed map of Hyrule. While this is a regrettable exclusion, one should also take note that those materials were fairly cheaply made. Hence, you're not missing out on much in that regard. 2) Exclusion of ALBW Guide: It is a shame that the makers of the collection did not have the foresight to include the recently released collector's guide for A Link Between Worlds in this collection, and considering they came out basically at the same time they easily could have. This is a minor complaint, as the guide for A Link Between Worlds is of course available for purchase and comes with a collector's lithograph of the primary image from A Link Between Worlds. Still, it would have been nice to have gotten them all together in one fell swoop, though of course this would have increased the size and weight of the package even more than it already is (and trust me, it weighs a good amount).

BOTTOM LINE: This is an AWESOME set that will make any collector ecstatic to possess for not only its vast wealth of knowledge concerning the games it covers, but also for its beauty, craftsmanship and quality. If you have not already gotten these guides, I STRONGLY encourage you to pick up this set while you are able to (there are only 50,000 in existence). And if you have already gotten some of these guides as I had, I encourage you to still pick up this set and possibly sell your older copies as I plan to. I plan to keep the extras that came with the previous printings of the guides and sell the guides themselves, as I now have this collection and no longer have any need for them. The mere inclusion of the Ocarina of Time 3D guide (which apparently is not going to be released outside this set according to the publishers) alone should be a pretty good reason to get this collection, and after seeing it in person, I couldn't agree more that it was indeed worth it.

6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Fantastic Set for Collectors! By Adam S. I'm not one to write a review, but I felt compelled to write one for this to help give people an idea of what to expect. I am an avid Zelda fan and a collector to a lesser extent. I have bought the hard cover collector's edition Prima Guide for Zelda as far back as Twilight Princess and gotten nearly every one since. I had 4 of these books already, and 2 paperback books of the other 2 guides. So in a way I was buying a set of books I already had. Still has a collector and a fan, I could not pass it up and for me, I could not be happier I got this. In reading some other reviews about this item, I hope to clarify a few things about this set.

1. First off, I will say that my original set did come with a damaged chest. I got a replacement from , so no biggie and I'm not going to ding a star off for that. It was just bad packaging.
2. The metal book mark is fantastic, and better than I expected. The chest is nice and having the ribbon inside to help pull out the first book is a nice touch. Note it's meant to just pull out ONE book at the back, which if you keep them in order should be Wind Waker HD.
3. As noted, this set does not come with the extra items such as cloth maps that the original individual books came with. Not a big deal to me, but it is what it is. What it does come with, and just that this set is a limited edition makes up for it to me.
4. I want to give a breakdown of these books and how they compare to the original individual ones I have, where applicable.

- The Phantom Hourglass Guide is identical to the original lone book.
- The Twilight Princess Guide IS The revised guide that apparently came out in 2007. I got my original when Twilight Princess came out and didn't even know till I read the other reviews on here that there even was a revised edition. The 16 or so new pages are mostly a greatly expanded and more detailed "legendary checklist" at the back of the book.
- Spirit Tracks: This one through me for a bit because the book in the set is about 1/4 an inch thicker than my original, but the contents and number of pages are identical so they must be using thicker paper. The only difference that I noticed is that the table of contents is the very last page of the book. I am honestly not sure if that is an error or intentional.
- Ocarina of Time 3D. One of the books exclusive to this set and never available as a hard cover on it's own. This is a very nice book and one of the reasons I wanted this book. In comparing in to my paper back version, the contents are the same but the page layouts are different here and there.
- Skyward Sword. I did not get this one originally in hard cover, which was available on it's own. But I have read and discovered it's a greatly changed book from the original. It say it's revised and expanded by over 100 pages, but in reading on Prima's website the making of this set, they go into detail about how this book was basically rewritten by a new author and has all new screen shots. It's much more than just expanded by 100 pages. This was my biggest surprise in this set, as I thought the Ocarina of Time book would be the only really unique book in this set, but it's really that one and this one.
- The Wind Waker HD. This book came out individually very recently so naturally the one in this set is identical to the stand alone. And that is about it. Like a said, a very great set and I am thrilled to own it.

124 of 135 people found the following review helpful. Great way to get Zelda guides but Prima some odd choices in content. By Paul Haffely Arrived in some very secure packaging from Prima themselves. Overall it is what I expected except for a few small things:

1. None of the bonus maps/posters/bookmarks that originally came with the Twilight Princess, Phantom Hourglass, or Spirit Tracks guides are included.
2. One highly usual thing is that the Twilight Princess guide is a reprint of the original one from 2006 and not the revised edition from 2007 which had 16 more pages of expanded content. Seems like a really weird move to not have used that revised edition for this boxset.
3. And finally, why no space for the Link Between Worlds guide?

Would have been great since that came out at the same time.

The guides will be contained in a unique, high quality box that is The Legend of Zelda themed and held closed by an embedded magnetic clasp. An individually numbered certificate of authenticity will be included for collectors, with a signature and message from Mr. Eiji Aonuma, Producer/Director for The Legend of Zelda series. A high quality, 2-sided laser etched metallic bookmark will be included with the box set to help players keep their spot in over 2,000 pages of The Legend of Zelda strategies. The bookmark is 7.5 x 2.5 inches and includes a protective case. The set includes 6 hardcover collectors editions for The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time 3D, The Legend of Zelda: Spirit Tracks, The Legend of Zelda: Phantom Hourglass, The Legend of Zelda: The Wind Waker HD, The Legend of Zelda: Twilight Princess, and The Legend of Zelda: Skyward Sword. Many of these hard cover guides are out of print and not available anywhere else. All 6 of the guides will be on high quality paper with gilded edges, giving the guides a gold shine along the pages. For the first time ever, The Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time 3D guide is available in hard cover and exclusive to this box set. The Legend of Zelda: Skyward Sword guide has been revised and expanded by over 100 pages. This limited edition set will only be printed once, when it is sold out they will be gone forever!