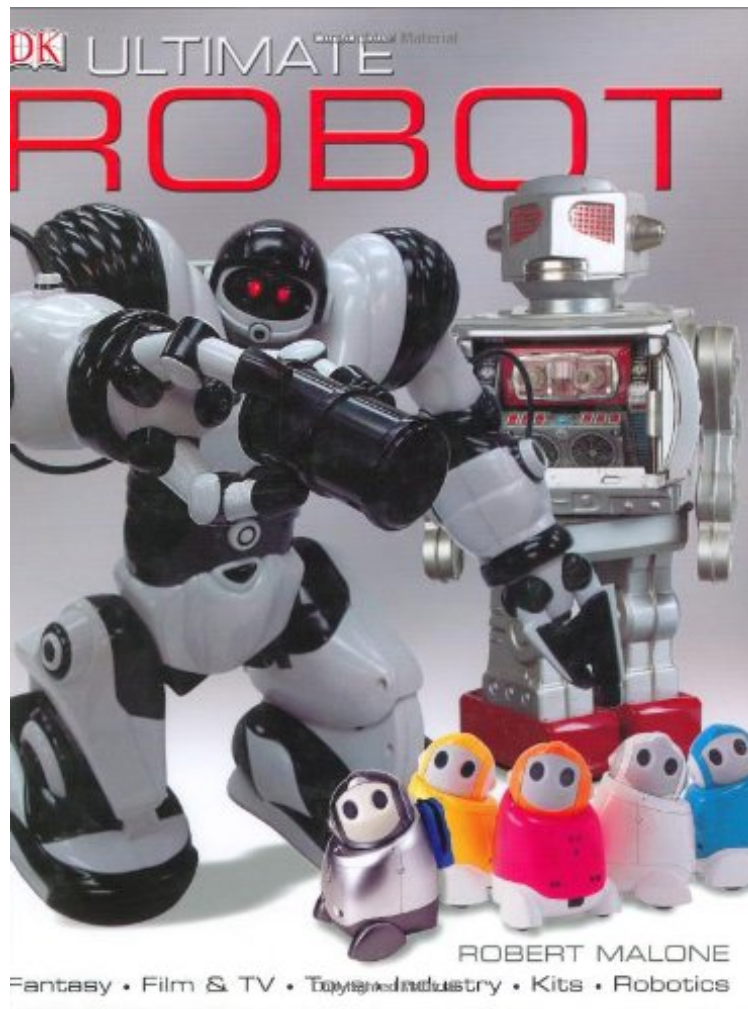


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Robert Malone : Ultimate Robot before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Ultimate Robot:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Just as it says, "The Ultimate"!By Michael MaddenI bought this book several years ago for my son (then about 4 years old) who was interested in all robots. He's eight now and this has held its own as one of his favorites. Recently my brother, who is a graphic artist, asked if I, a librarian, could find him some illustrations of old fashioned looking robots. I bought another copy of this and sent it to him. He said it was perfect. That is two copies I've bought. My son's book is wearing out now and I will no doubt buy another one to replace it. That will be three. Not much else needs to be said. We have not found another book with as many pictures, or so much information about robots. As a caution, the book deals mostly, though not exclusively, with toys. It covers pretty much all of the 20th century. It deals separately with robot toys, robots in fiction and film, robot kits and real

robots. Highly recommended for anyone with an interest.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great (Would Love to See an Update)By M. R. TaylorMay be an older book now (I'd love to see an updated version with current designs), but my son absolutely adores going through this with me. My favorite part is the pages of photos of early robot toys and collectibles.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Terrific for true robot loversBy Trina BoiceI bought this for my youngest son who is an avid robot lover. He can look at it for hours and absolutely loves it. The descriptions are really good and the images are great.It has a lot of good variety and even some history of the evolution of robotics. We learned about the famous Honda ASIMO robot through this book and was thrilled when we got to see a demonstration of its performance at Disneyland!

Ultimate Robot is both a visual feast of the robot in pop culture and a reference guide for collectors of toy, kit, and warrior robot memorabilia - the first definitive guide for all readers fascinated by these amazing mechanical wonders. Packed with over 500 color photographs of all types of robots, from classic tin toys and film androids to Battlebots and futuristic fantasy robots, Ultimate Robot covers the history of robotics, the innovators who made robots possible, a glossary of useful terms, and the robots of tomorrow.

From BooklistThis volume examines the uses of robots in popular culture and is presented in DK's signature design--posing a colorful central object against a white background, with captions and boxes explaining what we're looking at. Malone does conclude with examples of real-world robots, but the world of entertainment is emphatically his focus. Deriving from the 1920 play R.U.R. by Karl Capek, the word robot conjures up the wariness we feel toward animated machines, however friendly their design. The potential power we imagine they have has been exploited to dramatic effect, as shown by Malone's section on movies and TV series with robotic protagonists. Some are conventionally alien, such as Gort in *The Day the Earth Stood Still* (1951), and others are comedic characters, such as buddies R2D2 and C-3PO, and all seem to have been re-marketed as action toys. From the tinplate productions of the 1940s to today's computer-driven toys, the robots on display in Malone's fun tour will amuse rather than alarm readers. Gilbert TaylorCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reservedAbout the AuthorA chairman of the Automation Hall of Fame and founder of Automation News, Robert Malone has been a leading player in the field of automation for more than 30 years.