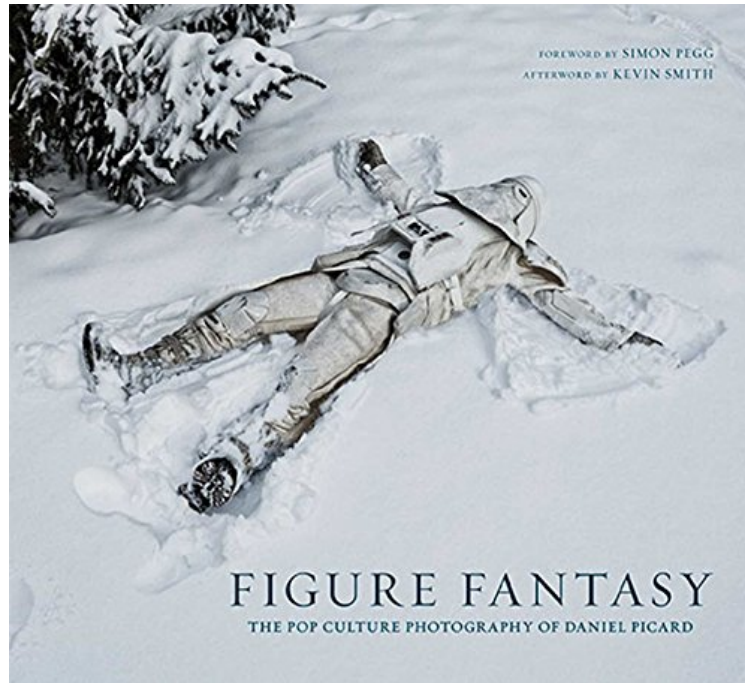


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Daniel Picard : Figure Fantasy: The Pop Culture Photography of Daniel Picard before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Figure Fantasy: The Pop Culture Photography of Daniel Picard:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. More than pictures--they are storiesBy Herschel GreenbergThis is a great book, which collects the unique images of Daniel Picard. You do not have to be a fan of these pop culture references, but it certainly helps.Picard uses Sideshow Collectable action figures, which are very expensive and very detailed, and stand about 12" tall. They are not really toys; they are display-worthy figures designed for adults. I do not own any (out of my price range), but I do have a collection of figures on my desk. He mainly uses figures from Star Wars, GI Joe, and the DC Universe, such as Batman and Joker. There are a few other figures, but these are his main subjects.Picard takes these 12" figures and photographs them in unique settings. For example, there is a Stormtrooper at an office desk with paper surrounding a basket (because as everyone knows, Stormtroopers have bad aim). Or a Snowtrooper plowing snow in his drive way. Or a picture of the Joker building a Batman Lego set.There are many things that makes these photos amazing. First, every scene is of a real figure. Second, and most importantly, he shoots these images and combines them in Photoshop to create a perfectly lit and perfectly scaled scene. If you look at the image, you might think it was a person in a costume, and you have to remind yourself that these are all action figures. This is the kind of book you have to look at to appreciate.Finally, the best part of the book is the irony Picard creates with each image. If this matches your sense of humor, you will laugh. I thought the Joker pics were the best. The Joker is shopping for a Halloween costume...and is looking at a Batman suit. The Joker is in a museum...and taking a selfie with a Batman bust. The Joker is taking a picture...of Harley Quinn doing a handstand on some rocks. Moments like

this occur on every page. This gives the book an immense amount of charm. And as it turns out, these pictures can tell a story. I showed my 5 year old son these pictures, and before I knew it, I was telling a story about the image. There were no words on the page--just my imagination describing why Yoda was sending a text message as he force-pushes some Stormtroopers. And if you do this for each image, you actually have a pretty good book to "read." I have gone through each page more than once, admiring Picard's photography skills, as well as his Photoshop composition skills. Yes, I wish there was more insight into how he did all of this. I wish there were a few more of his quotes to accompany each picture. As it stands, I am very happy I bought this book, and it is well worth the price. I look forward to a sequel set of pictures, and finding out how these action figures "survive" in the real world.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Glad I still got the book

By Grant Williams I have been thinking about a loot crate subscription for some time. When I saw this book in a review I wanted it but the month that loot crate offered had past. Glad I still got the book. Great artwork, cool concept and the price was right. It's limited edition because only so many were sent out and they are generally easy to find NOW because some people received them and didn't want them but as time goes on I see the value increasing because of exclusivity.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Small Book, Big Impression!

By Mike Though the book is small, the author presents his Sideshow Collection in various poses through the use of his photography techniques. These poses are of everyday life in "What if" scenarios. They are humorous and at times impressive. I do wish the book was bigger in size so I do hope in future editions are his next book will be more epic. This is a must buy for any Sideshow or Hot Toys collector.

See your favorite pop culture icons like never before in this collection of humorous photographs featuring Sideshow figures. Join celebrated photographer Daniel Picard as he explores what his favorite pop culture heroes and villains are up to when they're not caught up in the battle between good and evil. This unique collection of meticulously composed images showcases a variety of comic book and movie icons in realistic and often hilarious everyday settings. Using fan-favorite figures from Sideshow Collectibles, Picard gives these classic characters a fresh twist, presenting them in perfectly arranged, to-scale environments that create believable scenes and tongue-in-cheek parodies. Among the gallery of memorable images are photographs of a Stormtrooper with a desk job, the Joker shopping for a Batman Halloween costume, and Harley Quinn taking a selfie. Featuring a foreword by Simon Pegg, an afterword by Kevin Smith, and an introduction from Daniel Picard detailing his one-of-a-kind take on pop culture parody, *Figure Fantasy* is a true treasure for fans, collectors, and photographers alike.

[H]ighly imaginative and hilarious . . . a must-have for any collector out there. Alien Bee