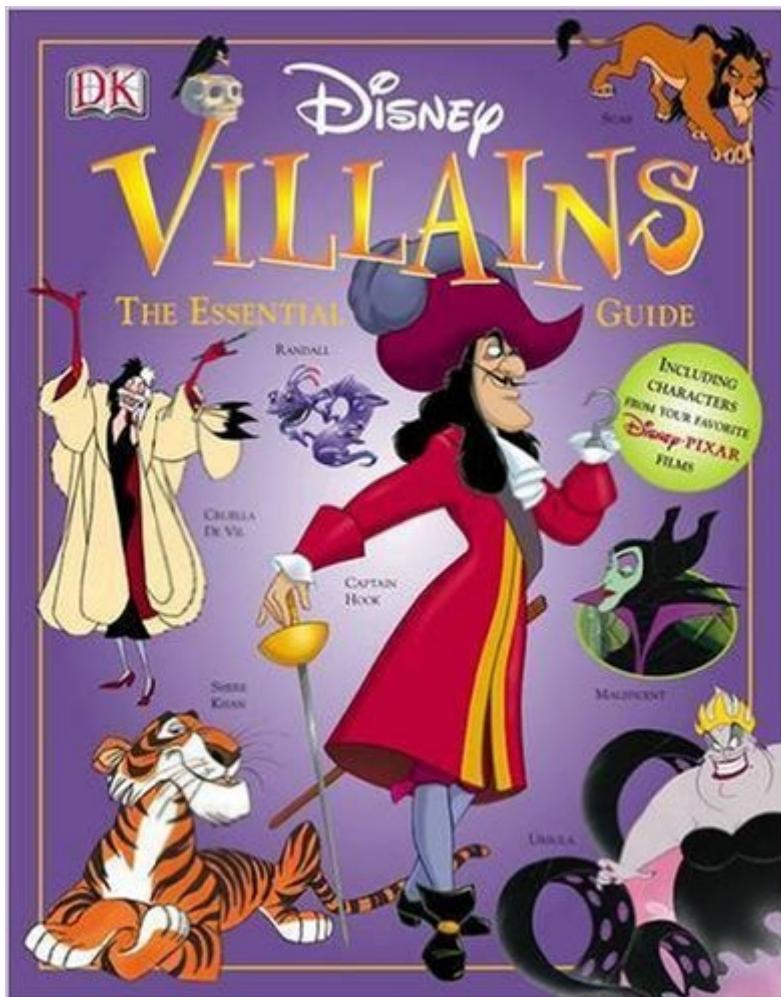


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# Disney Villains: The Essential Guide



## Synopsis

An Essential Guide to some of the biggest baddies ever to feature on celluloid. From Captain Hook to Cruella De Vil, it offers a sneaky look at the worlds of the wicked! New cut-away and cross-section artworks, plus maps of the villains' lairs, and lots of rotten facts, make this book unique.

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## Customer Reviews

"Disney Villains: The Essential Guide" by Glenn Dakin is not a very exciting book; it is neither educational (as far as film knowledge goes) nor that much fun. Its biggest flaw is that it has a very limited coverage regarding classic Disney villains; some are described and analyzed through a span of three full pages, others are barely listed, while some are not even mentioned or featured at all. The information regarding the featured villains is presented with a touch of humor and irony that somehow dies halfway through the book. Some of the claims are rather poor attempts at humor. For instance, Maleficent's description of the three good fairies in *Sleeping Beauty* (1959) left me saying "okay, then." and almost had me roll my eyes. The suggestion that *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* (1937)'s Queen Grimhilde (who is never referred to as anything but the "Evil Queen" suggesting a lack of research on the author's part) is actually an old hag made beautiful by the abuse of make-up is rather dumb. The book doesn't glorify the villains in any sense, neither in terms of style or wit. I disagree that all readers (or viewers) of these films would quickly side along the heroes, when in a story like *Peter Pan* (1953), I found the villains far more exciting and likeable than its arrogant, smart-mouthed hero.

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