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# The Art Of Castlevania: Lords Of Shadow





### Synopsis

Castlevania is a multi-generational video game series developed and published by Konami. The franchise was first released in 1986, but has evolved from a side-scrolling platformer into a full-scale adventure series  $\tilde{A}$ ¢ $\hat{a} \neg \hat{a}$  œ and has sold over 20 million copies worldwide. The series is a fan-favourite, and has influenced generation after generation of games since first being released.

#### **Book Information**

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Arrived quickly, matches description and pictures. Definitely a wonderful purchase. apx.  $12 \times 9 \times 3/4$  inches in dimension. Filled with gloss finished pages and the amazing artwork of Martin Robinson. I am more than excited to have this as part of my collection. Thank you!

I'll admit I'm a touch biased as I thought the art direction of the LoS series was amongst the best in modern gaming, but the quality if this book exceeded my expectations.. Mostly because it's so much more than an "art book".. The book also provides insight into not only the development, but the very conception of the initial Lords of Shadow entry.. 10/10

The book is amazingly beautiful. I am a big artbook collector and this is by far one of my favorites.Unfortunately, the book was damaged around the edges; which I don't really care because I don't want to sell it. However, this kind of damage can drop the collectible's worth by 30%.

Great art, while it not not contain the complete works of any one game it offers a nice variety of all 3 games. I wish it contained any of the in-game bestiary or character profiles that Jorge Benedito drew, that in itself could fill its own book. Not even Kojima herself drew every monster and character in game. Definitely for anyone whos a fan of the series, old or new.

Strong and sturdy with gorgeous high quality pages depicting concept art from Lords of Shadow, Mirror of Fate, and Lords of Shadow 2. Also shows scenes from Mirror of Fate in early storyboards, which is always very interesting to see.Wonderful collectible piece for any diehard Castlevania fan and an amazing asset for any prospective concept artists out there.

Ever since watching the Gameplay and cutscenes online, and playing the 2nd game, I have wanted a book of the artwork for Castlevania Lords of Shadow 1 and 2. I was so excited when I learned of this book! The book arrived in absolutely perfect condition. It is exactly what I expected, and I am eager to study the artwork and descriptions. Overall, I am very enthusiastic about this purchase!

I purchased this for a friend but had to page through it first to verify it's quality. The content covers the first Lord of Shadow game very extensively. The backstory summations of important characters alongside many illustrations give the book a very cohesive and useful tone for fans. It also covers the new sequel to Lords of Shadow but its more of a late addition compared to the breadth of content about the first game. If you're a fan that enjoyed the art of the series it is easy to recommend purchasing it.

This art book is one of the most beautiful I have in my library, it is beautiful, with lots of images, both

of characters, beasts and places.

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