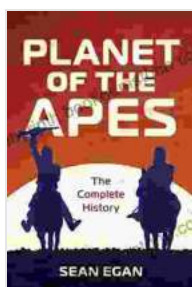


Planet of the Apes: The Complete History

The *Planet of the Apes* franchise is a unique and enduring one. For over 50 years, the films and television series have captivated audiences with their thought-provoking stories, memorable characters, and stunning visuals.

The franchise began in 1963 with the novel *Planet of the Apes* by Pierre Boulle. The novel tells the story of astronaut George Taylor, who crash-lands on a planet where apes are the dominant species and humans are treated as slaves. The novel was a critical and commercial success, and it was soon adapted into a film.



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The 1968 film *Planet of the Apes* was a major box office hit, and it spawned four sequels: *Beneath the Planet of the Apes* (1970), *Escape from the Planet of the Apes* (1971), *Conquest of the Planet of the Apes* (1972), and *Battle for the Planet of the Apes* (1973). The films were all critical and commercial successes, and they helped to make the *Planet of the Apes* franchise one of the most popular and enduring in science fiction.

In 2001, Tim Burton directed a remake of the original film. The remake was a critical and commercial failure, but it did help to renew interest in the franchise.

In 2011, 20th Century Fox released *Rise of the Planet of the Apes*. The film was a critical and commercial success, and it helped to relaunch the franchise. The film was followed by two sequels: *Dawn of the Planet of the Apes* (2014) and *War for the Planet of the Apes* (2017). The sequels were both critical and commercial successes, and they helped to make the *Planet of the Apes* franchise one of the most successful in recent years.

The Themes of Planet of the Apes

The *Planet of the Apes* franchise has always explored a number of important themes, including:

- **Racism and prejudice:** The films have often been used to explore the themes of racism and prejudice. In the original film, the apes are clearly racist towards the humans. They treat them as slaves and deny them their basic rights. This is a powerful allegory for the way that humans have treated other humans throughout history.
- **The nature of humanity:** The films have also explored the nature of humanity. In the original film, Taylor is forced to confront the fact that the apes are not as different from humans as he thought. They are capable of great cruelty, but they are also capable of great compassion.
- **The dangers of technology:** The films have also explored the dangers of technology. In the original film, the apes have developed a

powerful weapon that they use to enslave the humans. This is a warning about the dangers of unchecked technological development.

The Characters of Planet of the Apes

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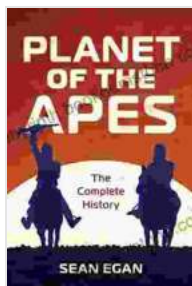
- **George Taylor:** Taylor is the protagonist of the original film and the 2001 remake. He is an astronaut who crash-lands on the Planet of the Apes and must learn to survive in a hostile world.
- **Cornelius:** Cornelius is a chimpanzee who is one of the leaders of the ape society. He is a wise and compassionate ape who befriends Taylor.
- **Zira:** Zira is a chimpanzee who is Cornelius's wife. She is a brilliant scientist who helps Taylor to learn about the ape society.
- **Dr. Zaius:** Zaius is an orangutan who is the leader of the ape society. He is a cruel and ruthless ape who is determined to maintain the status quo.
- **Caesar:** Caesar is a chimpanzee who is the leader of the ape rebellion in the 2011 film *Rise of the Planet of the Apes*. He is a brilliant and charismatic ape who is determined to lead his people to freedom.



The Impact of Planet of the Apes

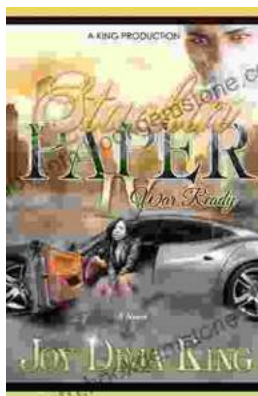
The *Planet of the Apes* franchise has had a profound impact on popular culture. The films and television series have been praised for their thought-provoking stories, memorable characters, and stunning visuals. The franchise has also been used to explore a number of important social and political issues.

The *Planet of the Apes* franchise is a unique and enduring one. For over 50 years, the films and television series have captivated audiences with their thought-provoking stories, memorable characters, and stunning visuals. The franchise is sure to continue to entertain and inspire audiences for many years to come.



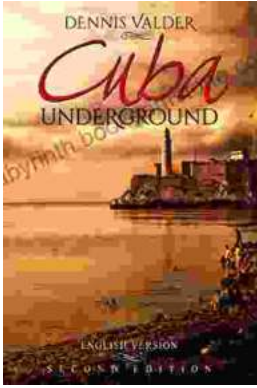
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