A Guide To The Star Wars Universe

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filmed Episodes, their novelizations, and their direct off-shoots (such as the National Public Radio dramatizations and the Cartoon Network’s Clone Wars miniseries), there are also tons of Lucasfilm-authorized Expanded Universe novels, comic books, and games (roleplaying and computer games) that have added planets, political entities, droids, weapons, spacecraft, alien and human characters that go beyond Lucas’ filmed works. In some ways, Bill Slavicsek’s 596 page A (as in A-3DO, a droid once owned by the Jedi Knight Andur Sunrider) to Z (ZZ-4Z, yet another droid, this time once Han Solo’s mechanical housekeeper, last seen recovering from an attack by Boba Fett) book serves as a “poor man’s Star Wars Encyclopedia,” since the format is very similar and essentially covers the same territory -- down to the style of the entries -- as Steven J. Sansweet’s more expensive and even more outdated (circa 1998) reference book.

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