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John Marshall : Action Figures of the 1980s (Schiffer Military History) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Action Figures of the 1980s (Schiffer Military History):

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Not bad, but not really good either...By Joseph M. Mudd This book does have a lot of information and some great photos but it seems lacking. Some toys lines are missing or not completely covered and some have no photos at all. My biggest gripe is the errors in the book... the author is supposed to be some kind of toy expert but he refers to Powermaster Optimus Prime as a "Pretender" and some figures have the wrong name assigned to their picture. All in all, it's not a bad book but not worth the price of it. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. WAYYYY OFF!!! By Neil Meddaugh Mark must pick values, out of the air!? I think having the book to reference series, and figures regarding the GI JOE line are fine, but HE HAS NO CLUE, as to the prices of any given JOE figure. I suppose anyone can write one of these, based on his egotistical stance on the subject of collecting. Furthermore, he is VERY ignorant on many things, he writes as facts, and leaves quite a bit out-such as

variants, and seems to focus on certain figures, as though there was random research done, while writing. 6.5/1013 of 13 people found the following review helpful. Goos pictures, but irritatingly written. By Iain Fyffe This book is certainly good for reference. However, the author obviously thinks very highly of himself and his humour, which is often childish. He is also convinced that he *knows* what is good and what sucks, and if you disagree, it's because you don't know as much as he does. This may be partly because he grew up in the 70's rather than the 80's, and as such views these toys as a collector rather than as a fan. He also occasionally shows ignorance of the subject matter. For instance, he refers to Sectaurs as Warlords of Symbion, rather than Warriors. He is also unaware of the fact there was a Defenders of the Earth cartoon in the 80's, evidenced by his puzzlement at the very existence of such an action figure line. The frequent typographical errors are also irritating.

From G.I. Joe*t to Star Wars*t John Marshall has provided a thorough, informative, and entertaining look at the action figures produced during the 1980s. In over 430 superb color photographs, fans of the pocket-sized G.I. Joes*t, of movie and TV characters, of fantasy figures, He-Man*t, the Thunder Cats*t, super heroes, of those ever-popular quick change artists of the robot world--the Transformers*t, and even pro-wrestling fanatics will find figures here to warm their souls! Price listings are provided for every figure shown and for every known figure produced within a particular product line. Price ranges are provided both for figures that are mint-in-the-box and for those which, while running loose, have retained all of their accessories and lost none of their finish.

About the Author John Marshall is a pop-culture anthropologist, toy expert, and widely-published author. Among his written works are the book G.I. Joe and Other Backyard Heroes (1997) and articles for such publications as Collecting Toys, FILMFAX Outre, Cult Movies, Oriental Cinema, International Doll, Collectible Toys and Values, and Film Threat.