

# The Great Book of Movie Monsters

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**Jan Stacy, Ryder Syvertsen : The Great Book of Movie Monsters** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Great Book of Movie Monsters:

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gets a three star rating. The text itself rates two stars. So let's call it a 2 and a half star book.