

# Review: LEGO® Minifigure Year by Year: A Visual History

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**LEGO® Minifigure Year by Year: A Visual History**  
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In this section we normally write our opinion about some books we receive to be reviewed. But this time I am going to explain how I collaborated in the amazing book published last October by Dorling Kindersley (DK) about the small inhabitants of the LEGO world.

To start off I should say that I was not in direct contact with DK. This experience could be explained by anybody because it all started by a thread posted at brickset.com. DK was asking for fans to collaborate with a book about minifigures. Since the minifig is my favourite part of LEGO, and I have minifigures from my childhood until the present day, I decided to write a mail to the address that was published, offering my minifigs if needed.

When I had already forgotten about the book I received a mail from Helen Murray with a spreadsheet attached, and the request to provide as many minifigs as possible from the list, excluding the ones they had from other fans or from LEGO.

I checked the list and I saw a lot of minifigs I could provide. It took me around 2 weeks to collect them all and send them to UK. It was a race for me, because my collection is spread over 4 different locations. I had to spend tens of hours at my parent's house, the family holiday house, a warehouse and my own flat, searching for the minifigs.

I like some special themes that are not usually liked by most of the AFOLs, i.e. LEGO Sports. That's why I could provide most of the minifigs of those themes. Moreover, I also have some vevy special minifigs in my collection, like the promotional minifigs of the LEGO Fan Weekend in Skaerbaek, or the commemorative minifigs of DeBouwsteen.

Once I had all the minifigs I could find (around 150 of them) I packed them all individually and each one was labelled with the Bricklink code, year and my name. Following instructions from DK, I sent an insured parcel by courier and the minifigs went to DK headquarters to be photographed.

After more than one month without any news, I received a new mail saying that my minifigs were being shipped back to Barcelona. Once I received them, I was asked to fill in a form and DK paid the expenses of the initial shipment.

During 5 months, no more news came from DK. They were working on editing the book. But one day in September, a couple of weeks before the official launch, I received an unexpected parcel. When I opened it, I found the book "LEGO® Minifigure Year by Year. A Visual History" and I quickly started to read it. It didn't take me a lot of time to start to find some of my minifigs. It was a strange sensation. I had read a lot of books about LEGO and, for first time, it was not only a book but also a part of my life inside it. I felt really proud to have collaborated with DK and, while reading, I was saying myself "Here it is one of my babies, here another...".

DK did a presentation of the book in London and some celebrities were invited. To commemorate this event, DK produced a very limited edition of the book at minifig scale. Some days later all the people who collaborated with the book received a copy of this amazing goody by way of a thank you for our collaboration. My copy is #042 and it is one of the biggest treasures of my collection, more for its meaning than for its exclusivity.





