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Similar to Disney's illustrated companion books to its other recent animated films, the companion to the movie Hercules contains the full range of art produced during the film's creation. 50,000 first printing. Movie tie-in."

From BooklistThe Disney studio returns to form with its take on that ancient superhero, Hercules. No Quasimodo (hero of last year's tepidly received Hunchback of Notre Dame), the Greek demigod is in the Disney mold: young, good lookin', a bit naive. Furthermore, his mythic story provides fantasy elements like those in Disney's most memorable films. Like the book tie-ins to other recent Disney animated features, this handsome coffee-table traces the new film's history and production with hundreds of color and black-and-white illustrations and commentary from its creators. The volume's highlight is a section of drawings by production designer Gerald Scarfe, best known for his work on the film of the rock group Pink Floyd's album The Wall. Scarfe's loopy, chaotic style is quite a departure from the usual, homogenized Disney approach, and if his distinctive character designs survive in the finished film, Hercules may go down in Disney annals for something other than truckloads of box-office proceeds. Gordon Flagg