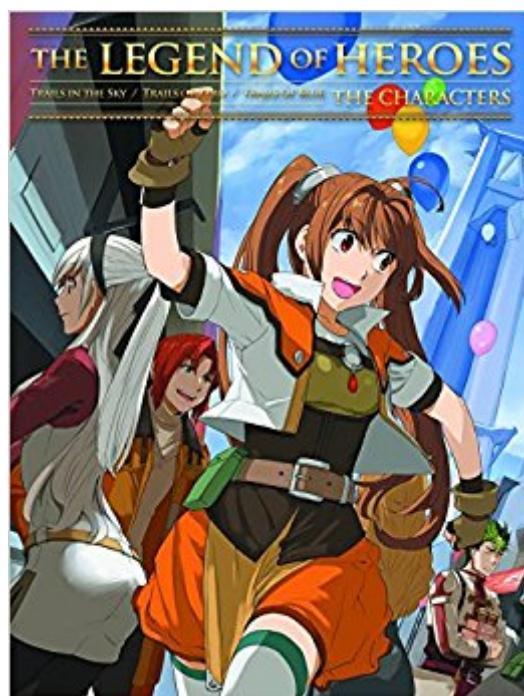


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# The Legend Of Heroes: The Characters (Legend Of Heroes SC)



## Synopsis

With a dozen games released over the past 20 years, The Legend of Heroes is a mainstay of Japanese RPGs from pioneering game developer Nihon Falcom. Now, the gorgeous character art from the newest games in this legendary series is collected in this prestigious volume. Included in this collection are rough sketches, character artwork, expression charts, and more from The Legend of Heroes: Trails of Blue, Trails of Zero, and all three Trails in the Sky chapters.

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This book compiles the concept art for Trails in the Sky 1-3, and the as of yet Japanese-exclusive Trails to Zero and Trails to Azure. Each of the main characters gets roughly 3-4 pages to themselves, with character art, along with the illustrations used in the opening movies and design notes. It gets fairly informative, especially with Estelle and Joshua's Second Chapter costume changes, going into the personal reasons for their new looks. If I were to list the negatives, the only things that come to mind are that it spoils a bit too much without reason, and that there weren't enough design notes. I would've really liked to hear the reasons for Schera's new costume in Trails in the Sky the 3rd. But those are rather minor gripes.

There are two artbooks for The Legend of Heroes and this one is focused on the characters. If you also get the other book The Legend of Heroes: The Illustrations, you can put the two book covers side by side to form a larger combined illustration. Pretty cool. The original is actually the Japanese

artbook 『The Legend of Heroes VI & VII』 that was released in 2012. This English edition is translated by Udon. The games featured are The Legend of Heroes VI which consist three Trails in the Sky games, and The Legend of Heroes VII which consist Trails of Blue and Trails of Zero. These games are from 2004 to 2011. It's a thick 272-page paperback artbook that's filled from cover to cover with character art. A galore of beautiful character art essentially. I like the characters from VII better because of the anime-like colouring. There are some captions but too brief. You won't learn much about the characters if you haven't played the games before. Strangely, this book received mixed reviews on Japan. One complained about the low resolution artworks on pages 189-191, and they are still in this book. Personally, I think it's a good book and fans of the game should check it out. Compared to The Legend of Heroes: The Illustrations, that would be a better book because it has characters and setting. (See more pictures of the book on my blog. Just visit my profile for the link.)

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