

# Beautiful Lego Dark Beautiful Lego Series: A Collector's Guide

In the vast and ever-expanding Lego universe, there lies a hidden gem, a series shrouded in mystery and intrigue: the Beautiful Lego Dark Beautiful Lego line. Known to collectors as "BDB," this remarkable collection captivates with its stunning design, dark undertones, and enigmatic allure.



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## Origins and Concept

BDB emerged during the late 1990s, amidst Lego's "dark ages," a period when the company faced financial struggles and a saturation of colorful themes deemed too childish. As a response, Lego sought to break free from these constraints and explore more mature themes.

BDB represented a bold departure from Lego's traditional aesthetic. Designed to appeal to older collectors and enthusiasts, the sets featured muted colors, sharp angles, and a distinct gothic undercurrent. The name "Beautiful Lego Dark Beautiful Lego" encapsulated the paradoxical nature of the line, combining the beauty of Lego with the allure of the unknown.

## Key Sets and Design Elements

BDB is renowned for its exceptional sets, each meticulously crafted with unique features and intricate details.

- **852540 Bionicle Exo-Force Battle Machines** (2003): Blazing with neon orange and silver, this set introduced a futuristic world where robots clashed in epic battles. The sleek design and innovative play features made it a standout in the BDB line.
- **853589 Bionicle Hordika** (2005): Inspired by the ancient legends of Maori warriors, this set showcased a dark and brooding aesthetic. The Hordika featured spiky, insectoid armor and luminescent green eyes, creating an unforgettable and intimidating presence.
- **856607 Bionicle Piraka** (2006): A group of sinister villains, the Piraka were characterized by their grotesque mutations and glowing eyes. Their sets, such as 856607, captured the essence of evil and deception with their twisted forms and menacing weaponry.
- **858342 Bionicle Bohrok** (2007): These alien invaders were feared for their ability to absorb light. Their sets featured biomechanical designs with gears, wires, and translucent elements, creating a sense of eerie menace.

Beyond its striking visuals, BDB introduced several innovative design elements:

- **Metallic Colors:** BDB sets often utilized metallic colors such as silver, gold, and copper, adding a sense of sophistication and grandeur.

- **Translucent Parts:** Translucent elements created glowing effects and added depth to the designs, enhancing the illusion of life within the sets.
- **Complex Build Techniques:** BDB sets pushed the boundaries of Lego construction, incorporating advanced techniques and intricate joints to achieve dynamic poses and articulation.

## **The Secrets of BDB's Allure**

While the design elements contribute to BDB's appeal, the line's true allure lies in its ability to evoke emotions and tap into collectors' imaginations.

**Mystery and Intrigue:** BDB sets often hinted at hidden stories and characters, encouraging collectors to create their own narratives and delve into the enigmatic world of the line.

**Dark Undertones:** The muted colors and gothic themes create a sense of unease and intrigue, capturing the darker side of the Lego universe and appealing to collectors who appreciate a more mature and nuanced approach to Lego design.

**Exclusivity:** BDB sets were produced in limited quantities and often sold out quickly, creating a sense of exclusivity and desirability among collectors. This scarcity adds to their mystique and increases their value over time.

## **Legacy and Impact**

Despite its short lifespan, BDB left an enduring legacy on the Lego community. Its unique design aesthetic and storytelling potential inspired countless collectors and creators, influencing the development of future

Lego lines and fostering a growing appreciation for the artistic possibilities of Lego.

Today, BDB sets are highly sought after by collectors, with some fetching significant prices on the secondary market. Their enduring popularity is a testament to the line's groundbreaking design and the enduring appeal of its mysterious and captivating world.

The Beautiful Lego Dark Beautiful Lego series stands as a testament to the boundless creativity and artistic potential of Lego. Its sets, imbued with mystery, intrigue, and exceptional design, have captured the imaginations of collectors and enthusiasts alike, leaving an enduring legacy that continues to inspire and enchant.

For those who dare to embrace the dark side of Lego, BDB offers a world of wonder, where the boundaries of imagination are shattered and the beauty of the unknown beckons.



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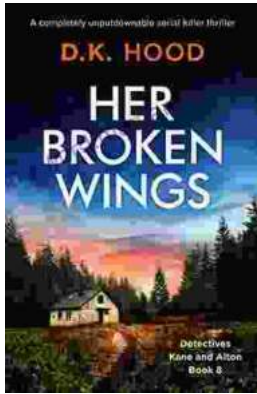
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