

Synopsis

A bold new approach to family reference that uses 3-D rendered images to explore the wonders of the world in unprecedented detail— from such categories as space, the human body, and history. Created in association with the Smithsonian Institution and using the latest CGI technology to illustrate concepts, Knowledge Encyclopedia is divided into six chapters— Space, Earth, Nature, Human Body, Science & Technology, and History & Culture. These chapters combine with a reference section in bringing a wide range of topics to life. Illustrated with fascinating facts, maps, timelines, and graphics, this reference book makes complex subjects easy to understand. Knowledge Encyclopedia is the perfect resource for kids, whether to help with homework or to pique their curiosity.

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Customer Reviews

Gr 4-6-Copious and colorful artifacts, illustrations, photographs, and charts grace the pages of this attractive and useful encyclopedia. "Space," "Earth," "Nature," "Human Body," "Science," and "History" are major sections found in the book, with chapters in "Nature," for example, covering "How Life Began," "The Living World," "Vertebrates," and "Invertebrates." Articles within these chapters, addressing particular vertebrates, for example, occupy a spread each. Compelling headings or questions draw further attention to each topic, while cutaways provide a better view of many entries, including those on the Tyrannosaurus rex, cells, and the Parthenon. The title

concludes with a section offering a tree of life chart, world maps, conversion charts, and a glossary of terms. The wealth of knowledge that is supported here by images and creative layouts will encourage students to learn more about topics they study in school and cause them to gravitate toward new areas of interest. In addition, the content will also support the Common Core State Standards. -Beth McGuire, Hempfield Area School District, PA (c) Copyright 2013. Library Journal. LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Media Source, Inc. No redistribution permitted.

Packed with information in six sections (Space, Earth, Nature, Human Body, Science and History), this lavishly illustrated volume provides accessible and engaging information for middle-grade learners and up. Every page is tightly laid out with facts, photos, illustrations, and impressive 3-D renditions. Although too broad for targeted research, the Smithsonian Knowledge Encyclopedia allows readers to become immersed in the details and visuals that abound. This text fits the bill for school and public libraries interested in general reference at a reasonable price point. --Blair Ranucci

This is such a cool encyclopedia. I actually didn't think I'd ever say that about a print encyclopedia again. Basically, every encyclopedia published in this century has to compete with Wikipedia, and quite frankly, most are losing. So, it's really cool to see an encyclopedia that is better in some ways than that online encyclopedia. Granted, it's not better in all ways. This encyclopedia certainly is not as exhaustive. But it is better in three important ways: #1: Full of topics that kids are interested in. Ask any kid what they're fascinated in, and this encyclopedia probably has a couple pages dedicated to it. Planets, Birds, Dinosaurs, Cars, Trains, Human Body, Robots. They're all in there. This encyclopedia has some really cool topics. #2: Thematically arranged. Almost every encyclopedia that I've seen is arranged alphabetically. This one is really well arranged by theme. So, if you look up something cool in the index, then you're probably also really interested in the page before and the page after. I know that I was. #3: Awesome integration of pictures in every page. Whoever did the graphical layouts of each page on this was awesome! The pictures really jump right out of the page at you, and they integrate really well into the message of each page. Watch my video for some examples of how cool some of these pages are. I definitely recommend getting this, if you either have a curious kid, or if you're an adult who needs to quickly catch up on learning some stuff you might have missed. It's a great way to complement what your kid is learning at school, as this has lots of school themes, too. Pros: +Nice and big, but not too big +Tons of

fascinating topics+Great organization by themes+Tons of extremely wonderful photographs+Excellent graphical design and layout+A great way for a quick education
Cons:-Some parts aren't 100% accurate-Many parts gloss over the information

OMG MY GRANDCHILDREN AS WELL AS ME, WERE VERY EXCITED AND NOW THEY READ ALONG WITH ME 1 HOUR EVERYDAY. MUST ORDER TO SEE FOR YOURSELVES, YOU WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED ', AS A MATTER OF FACT MAKES FOR GOOD FAMILY TIME DAILY, AFTER THEIR HOMEWORK IS DONE.

As a home schooling parent these days, I wonder what the key paper books to buy might be, as opposed to just counting on the internet for all our reference. But this book has such an impressive quantity of uniformly high quality illustrations that it's a must-have. Lots of these sorts of books are cheaply edited and wind up on the bargain table at your local bookstore, along with all the other large-format picture books that grandparents give grandkids. Those books keep the kids entertained for a day. You know the type of book I mean. This book, however, is an impressive, extensive and engaging work. It's written simply in a factual, scientific tone for a smart middle schooler, high schooler or adult. It's still very useful for younger kids when accompanied by some parental explanation. My five year old loves the illustrations. They are great tools for conversational science lessons.

Our favorite nonfiction book in the house. Goes great with the publisher's "Space!" book. I can't say enough good things about it. I looked for a long time to find a science book that had the right balance of breadth and depth of coverage along with amazing visuals. This is the one. Our kids take this on every road trip. We'll probably need to buy a new one after a year and half of constant use. It's a well made book, but even a well made book can't put up with this much attention.

This was an excellent buy and transaction. I ordered two of these books for my granddaughters, (8, 6, 4, & 1 yrs. old) who are homeschooled. I kept one book at my house to use whenever they're visiting. The book has a large hardcover. It's easy and interesting to read. Also, the author/publisher does a great job making sure the content is appropriate for multiple grade levels. There are easy to understand explanations and beautiful pictures!!! It covers a host of topics that meet Common Core objectives, too! When I first gave a copy to my gr kids, the oldest one nearly got in trouble for trying to sneak the book into bed. Funny thing, my daughter admitted after confiscated the book, she and

hubby sat up in bed going through the book, too! I can already tell this book will be a staple reference among our family for many years to come.

Book: This encyclopedia is great. I like the way they show the comparison of things at different stages. The font size is easy to read and the way they arranged texts & pictures in each page is nice and clean, not too busy. Packaging: The bubble envelope from supplier is too thin. My book was arrived with big dents on top and bottom spine and the damage makes the spine a bit loose. That makes the book look old even though it is new inside. With this book price and its heavy weight, supplier should protect the book better than this.

Great encyclopedia. This has got everything you need. Excellent material for both the kids and adults. Very well crafted book that should withstand lots of abuse. The topics covered have awesome pictures to help understand the concepts better. My 4 year old likes to browse the pages and ask questions randomly. This is one of the best investments I ever made. Highly recommended for kids of all ages.

What a terrific book. And for that price! My grandson was thrilled with it. I'm buying another copy to keep here in the house so we can share it together. Besides, my husband didn't get a chance to look at it. He loved it when he saw it.

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