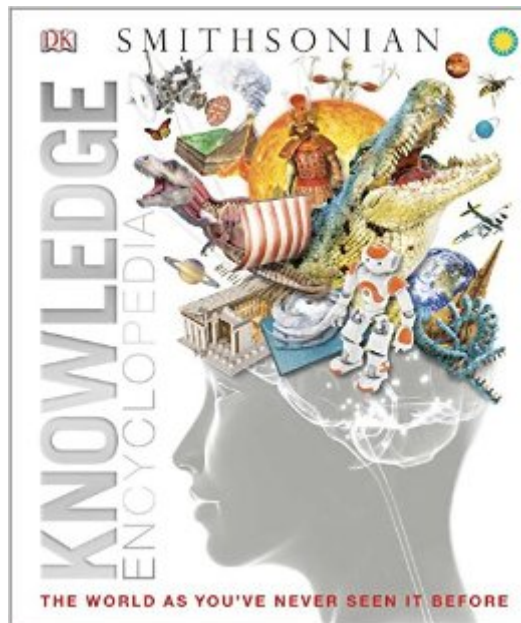


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# Knowledge Encyclopedia



## Synopsis

Created in conjunction with the Smithsonian Institution and with the latest CGI technology, the Knowledge Encyclopedia is a bold new approach to family reference using 3-D rendered images to explore the wonders of the world in unprecedented detail. Divided into six chapters — Space, Earth, Nature, Human Body, Science & Technology, and History & Culture, plus a reference section — a wide range of topics come to life. Illustrated with fascinating facts, maps, timelines, and graphics, the Knowledge Encyclopedia makes complex subjects easy to understand and is the perfect resource for kids, whether to help with homework or to pique their curiosity.

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## Customer Reviews

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

The truth of the matter is that Googling topics on the internet is not the be-all-end-all when it comes to obtaining precise information. But I sure do trust Smithsonian and DK Publishing to get it all right and put it all together in the most brilliant way. Many encyclopedia companies have stopped manufacturing physical book volumes of their titles, but a unique, ultra sophisticated version like this one is a welcome sight. DK Publishing used state-of-the-art CGI technology in order to produce 3D rendered images that explore the wonders of the world in unprecedented detail. This involves computer-generated graphics that allow the viewer to see what has never been seen before. It is this very mesmerizing technology that has changed the way movies are made. Within this meaty book's 360 pages are six chapters: 1) Space and Earth; 2) Nature; 3) Human Body; 4) Science & Technology; 5) History & Culture; 6) Reference section with charts, maps, flags, tables and a glossary. The useful index will help readers find what they're looking for quickly. It takes an entire team of scientists, illustrators, designers, writers, editors and more to complete a project of this scope. I am impressed with the way the book is written, as it covers a lot of detailed, sophisticated information, but in a way that will not overwhelm the children who read it. Nor do the writers talk down to the readers. I learned so much while perusing the pages, that I cannot even begin to share all that information with you. But if I had to choose my favorite sections, they would be The Big Bang Theory, Insects, Human Digestion and Shakespeare's Theater.

Why Buy This Book?

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- 2) There is nothing that can replace holding a physical book in your hands,

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We bought this for a 6th grader and 9th grader and showed it to other family first, including grandparents. They couldn't put it down! The DK style of cut-away drawings is applied beautifully to science and history. It's the kind of book you can read briefly for interesting tidbits or stay with for in-depth study, up through high school level. When the younger generation that we bought it for opened it, they were both excited and returned to it again and again throughout the evening. A real hit with all generations!

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