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A milestone in scientific learning, the acclaimed "DK Science Encyclopedia" has been rigorously updated to include new scientific advances, from the internet and CD-ROMs to fresh discoveries in space- Arranged thematically, 2,200 science topics are explained in a lively and exciting way by a brilliant team of award-winning authors- Makes science accessible to children, the book's immense scope demonstrating how science and technology affect our daily lives.

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Customer Reviews

This encyclopedia can make anyone feel like a scientist! Not only does it have fascinating facts on everything from atoms to zephyrs, it also shows how scientists work--describing, measuring, and asking questions about the world. Filled with detailed, sharp illustrations and eye-catching photographs, this book could keep a curious kid (or adult!) occupied for weeks. The one- and two-page entries are thematically organized--much more useful than alphabetical entries for making connections and thinking about whole systems. Some of the best categories are "Reactions," "Materials," "Weather," "Space," and "How Living Things Work." But every entry has accurate, well-written text cross-indexed to related pages and to the "Fact Finder" section in the back, with charts, tables, and maps to use with each section. A glossary and index round out this thorough package. You may grow so attached to this fantastic encyclopedia that you never want to leave it behind.... For portability, we recommend the pocket version, which weighs less, but is jam-packed with great science. And for budding biologists who can't get enough of the "Living Things" section in

the Science Encyclopedia, the The DK Nature Encyclopedia is sure to please. (Ages 9 to 12)

--Therese Littleton

Grade 4-8?A revision of the 1993 edition with minor changes and additions, this volume differs from its nearest competitor, The Kingfisher Science Encyclopedia (1993) chiefly in its basic organization; rather than an alphabetical arrangement, the 280 entries are grouped into 12 topical sections ("Weather," "Ecology," "Reactions," etc.). Each one-to-two page article is drizzled with small, clipped color photos and paintings supplemented by boxed capsule biographies, brief side excursions, and see-also references. The book concludes with a relatively dense "Fact Finder Section" into which are gathered charts, statistics, and specialized terms. Updating has been done with such a light hand that there is still no mention of flat-screen TV, the World Wide Web, cloned mammals, or the Mars Pathfinder expedition. Still, for its emphasis on the interconnectedness of science and technology, this title has a place in collections. Consider it as a fresh replacement copy rather than a new work.?John Peters, New York Public LibraryCopyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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All you need to know

If you have an inquisitive child and you are a little rusty on science facts and figures, this is the book for BOTH of you!! Fun and interesting to read. A great reference book as well. A little on the pricey side, but packs a lot of information in one place. Great illustrations. Nice layout.

My grandson loved this book. It is wonderful for young children. It can be a learning experience for both children and the adults helping them.

This is an excellent reference book with colorful illustrations and information which is presented in a user friendly manner for readers.

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This is a book well suited to give an overview of a wide range of scientific topics. It may not be the end all as a scientific reference, but will spark your child's interest and imagination about science. After reading this book, your child will want to go on to more detailed books about their specific areas of interest. The book is organized into chapters of broad topics such as Matter, Reactions, Materials, Electricity, Sound and Light, Weather, Space, Living things, etc. The breadth of subjects is a welcome change. The school curriculum of elementary children tends to be patchy, and this book fills in many gaps that they may not even touch on in Science Class. Each page is filled with colorful and attention grabbing illustrations. There is a short synopsis of the subtopic and then the page is filled with factoids which match the attention span of children this age. My son enjoyed this book immensely and it was his favorite for two years. It was a great nighttime "story" book.

This book can clearly teach you the core basics of every branch of science. This book is a joy to read and see. This book will appeal to old and young alike. This book does not dwell on any subject for too long so don't expect exhaustive information on a particular category. For people who like comics this book is especially suited. With this book alone, anyone can have obtained an extensive understanding of the world of science and nature.

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