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One Million Things: A Visual Encyclopedia



Synopsis

Featuring gorgeous photographs that illustrate and educate, this visual encyclopedia is jam-packed with thousands and thousands of images that bring more than one million things to light. Full color.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

I picked this book up the other day at the bookstore and knew within a few minutes it was a keeper. It covers an amazing amount of subjects and information given that its one single book chock full of pictures. The premise of the book is that it touches lightly on a wide variety of facts. Its not an authoritative source by any means. It tells you what something is and gives the highlights in a paragraph or less. Supplementing these brief descriptions are its amazing collection of pictures to illustrate the topic. The pictures are not stock illustrations or photographs of the subject, they tend to be on the unique side and are referential to the written material. For example when talking about machines they have a picture of some needlessly complex strange multi-stage apple slicing machine like you might find on a cartoon (where one part moves another, then another and another..). Seems odd but the different parts are used to illustrate different mechanical concepts (cogs, pulleys, cables, levers etc). A lot of the photos take that route, kind of non-standard, requiring a little thinking and analysis (and humor) but getting the job done more than a standard picture. The other thing that the photos do is they keep the attention of the audience. You find yourself not just

glancing at the photo but studying the complexity and texture they put into it. With kids this is wonderful. The photo keeps their attention and focus on the subject long enough to get through the description and then move onto the next thing. The layout and level of content of the book is good for a wide variety of ages. For younger children the photos keep their attention while you read about the item. Their sponge like memory absorbing some of the facts.

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