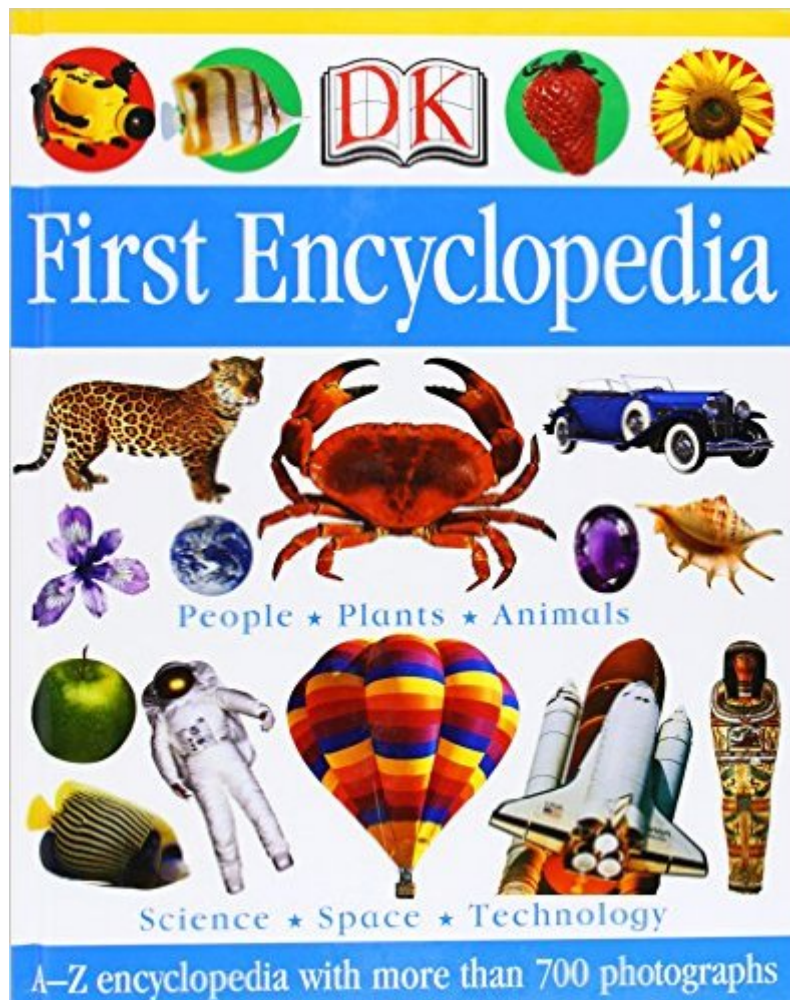


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# DK First Encyclopedia



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

'Mum, can you help me?' The voice at the end of the phone sounded desperate. What on earth can I do hundreds of miles away in the UK? Cautiously I said of course, if I can. In the background I could hear five year old Thomas, 'Mom, why does the tiger have stripes?' My daughter sighed. 'I wish you were here then you could answer the constant stream of questions, honestly Mum, he drives me mad. All the time he wants to know stuff.' Thomas had started 'real' school a few weeks ago and had learned to read really fast. An intelligent and curious boy, I knew it was important to feed his curiosity. Being mother to eight children, all very clever, does have its advantages and being a teacher also helps too. The answer was simple, a children's encyclopedia. I had no idea what to look for but looking through the booklists, the DK First Encyclopedia seemed perfect. Lots of bright pictures, simple but detailed information. A little while later my daughter called again. 'Mum the

book is brilliant he doesn't need to ask so many questions about everything now.' Detecting a note of 'but' in her voice, I questioned her. 'Mom, what does this word say?' 'See, he still asks questions, but at least we have the perfect book to look at to find the answers together, thanks Mum.' I couldn't help laughing, Thomas wanted to run before he could walk. I'd hoped the pictures would do it but no, he wants to read it too. Still at least the questions were simpler to answer now. I know Thomas will soon be reading fluently but I am certain there will be a lot more questions yet for a busy working Mom to answer. Christopher is three, nearly time for him to start asking too, maybe Thomas will tell him. I recommend all children are treated to this encyclopaedia. It is brilliant!

A typical encyclopedia addresses topics in alphabetical order, and a bit more thoroughly, which this does not do at all. Rather, it addresses topics in a seemingly random order, providing more of an overview peppered with interesting facts and ideas. That's what makes it such a great conversation starter. I used this as a summer learning tool with my five-year-old who's now starting first grade. It took him all the way up to the first day of school, so every day he had some new curiosity to explore. We did a two-page spread per day, sometimes reading four pages if they happened to be in the same subject area. The subjects included are: World Regions (including one large world map near the back of the book) People and Society (including pop music and the six major religions) History of People (introduced the concept of cave people and the theory of cultural progression, which was a great conversation for a Christian family) Living World (the plant and animal kingdom) Science and Technology (very interesting introduction to light and color, matter, and many other concepts; led my son to an interest in mechanical engineering) Planet Earth (introduces geography and geology, including awareness of scientists who study them) Space and the Universe (impressive pictures of planets; we particularly liked the volcano on Mars and space probes/robots) As a summer overview, this was perfect. There were a few "get messy" activities highlighted now and then, but not so many to be overwhelming. If we were to use this formally again, I'd make better use of the "Website addresses" pages in the very back. I didn't really notice them until part way through the book and then wasn't sure how to use them.

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