

Encyclopedia Britannica 15th Edition

"A handbook for hunting and punishing witches to assist the Inquisition and Church in exterminating undesirables. Mostly a compilation of superstition and folklore, the book was taken very seriously at the time it was written in the 15th century and became a kind of spiritual law book used by judges to determine the guilt of the accused"--From publisher description.

33,000 pages 44 million words 10 billion years of history 1 obsessed man Part memoir and part education (or lack thereof), The Know-It-All chronicles NPR contributor A.J. Jacobs's hilarious, enlightening, and seemingly impossible quest to read the Encyclopaedia Britannica from A to Z. To fill the ever-widening gaps in his Ivy League education, A.J. Jacobs sets for himself the daunting task of reading all thirty-two volumes of the Encyclopaedia Britannica. His wife, Julie, tells him it's a waste of time, his friends believe he is losing his mind, and his father, a brilliant attorney who had once attempted the same feat and quit somewhere around Borneo, is encouraging but, shall we say, unconvinced. With self-deprecating wit and a disarming frankness, The Know-It-All recounts the unexpected and comically disruptive effects Operation Encyclopedia has on every part of Jacobs's life -- from his newly minted marriage to his complicated relationship with his father and the rest of his charmingly eccentric New York family to his day job as an editor at Esquire. Jacobs's project tests the outer limits of his stamina and forces him to explore the real meaning of intelligence as he endeavors to join Mensa, win a spot on Jeopardy!, and absorb 33,000 pages of learning. On his journey he stumbles upon some of the strangest, funniest, and most profound

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facts about every topic under the sun, all while battling fatigue, ridicule, and the paralyzing fear that attends his first real-life responsibility -- the impending birth of his first child. The Know-It-All is an ingenious, mightily entertaining memoir of one man's intellect, neuroses, and obsessions and a soul-searching, ultimately touching struggle between the all-consuming quest for factual knowledge and the undeniable gift of hard-won wisdom.

This edition covers important educational subjects such as maths, science, geography, history, social sciences, and more. It contains biographies and glossary terms related to each article and time lines that illustrate the broad sweep of events.

The Britannica Book of the Year 2011 provides a valuable viewpoint on the people and events that shaped the year. In addition to keeping the Encyclopaedia Britannica updated, it serves as a great reference source for the latest news on the ever-changing populations, governments, and economies throughout the world.

This limited, luxury, collector's edition of Britannica's brand new encyclopedia for kids features a slipcase, gold page-edges, two ribbon markers, and a numbered (1 of 500) book plate signed by Christopher Lloyd and J.E. Luebering.

Featuring up-to-the-minute information from Britannica, one of the world's most trusted sources of knowledge, this new encyclopedia brings home the joy of learning, and features over a thousand illustrations, photographs and maps. Page by page, you'll discover the story of the Universe, Earth, Matter, Life, Humans, Ancient & Medieval Times, Modern Times, and the dynamic worlds of Today & Tomorrow. In keeping with Britannica's reputation for expert involvement, each spread includes a credit to the expert consultant involved with its creation, and special features highlight some of the most intriguing unsolved puzzles in science,

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archaeology, history, and engineering. Perhaps today's young readers will discover the answers to these mysteries! This gorgeous volume is a modern classic, and will inspire curiosity and delight in every reader.

Articles from "The Encyclopaedia Britannica" trace the growth of knowledge in different fields

Much more than a history atlas, this book drops you right in the heart of the action, as 130 detailed maps tell the story of pivotal episodes in world history, from the first human migrations out of Africa to the race for space. After the foreword written by renowned broadcaster and historian Peter Snow, purpose-made regional and global maps present the history of the world as it happened, charting how events traced patterns on land and ocean - patterns of exploration, discovery, or conquest that created powerful empires, fragile colonies, or terrifying theatres of war. An interplay of text and graphics leads you around the page so that you can follow the story of civilizations through ancient, medieval, and modern times. But not every page is full of maps. At key points in *History of the World Map by Map*, broad, sweeping introductions provide a chance to step back and look at entire periods, such as World War 2, or to explore overarching themes, such as the Industrial Revolution. Picture spreads, meanwhile, focus on epoch-defining moments or developments, such as fascism and communism, and the invention of printing.

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A guide to the religions of the world and to the concepts, movements, people, and events that have shaped them. It includes features such as: entries on religious movements and concepts, historical and legendary figures, divinities, religious sites and ceremonies; images that show sacred places, vestments, rituals, objects, and texts; and more.

Released for the first time in paperback, this landmark social and political volume on feminism is credited with being responsible for raising awareness, liberating both sexes, and triggering major advances in the feminist movement. Reprint. Britannica Concise Encyclopedia is the perfect resource for information on the people, places, and events of yesterday and today. Students, teachers, and librarians can find fast facts combined with the quality and accuracy that have made Britannica the brand to trust. A tool for both the classroom and the library, no other desk reference can compare.

Incredibly detailed cross-sections and cutaways reveal the inner workings of everything - from galaxies and stars to Earth and the human body. Look inside an Apollo spacecraft, a volcano, or the body of a Tyrannosaurus Rex. Find out what happened after the Big Bang, how trench warfare worked, and the science behind a fireworks display. This fully updated edition of Knowledge Encyclopedia is the perfect reference book for inquisitive minds of all ages, covering space, Earth, nature, human body, science, and history. Packed with fascinating statistics, maps, timelines, graphics, and superb photorealistic cross-sections, this family encyclopedia makes

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the most complex subjects easy to understand.

Entertaining and informative, the newly updated Britannica Student Encyclopedia helps children gain a better

understanding of their world. Updated for 2015, more than 2,250 captivating articles cover everything from Barack

Obama to video games. Children are sure to immerse themselves in 2,700 photos, charts, and tables that help

explain concepts and subjects, as well as 1,200 maps and flags from across the globe. Britannica Student is curriculum

correlated and a recent winner of the 2008 Teachers Choice Award and 2010 AEP Distinguished achievement award.

"A 22-volume, highly illustrated, A-Z general encyclopedia for all ages, featuring sections on how to use World Book, other research aids, pronunciation key, a student guide to better writing, speaking, and research skills, and comprehensive index"--

This 2 volume set gives a synopsis of more than 500 of these Great Books of The Western World by 161 authors which originally consisted of over 6 feet of books in 54 volumes.

The Great Books of Western The Western World are books that are thought to constitute an essential foundation in the

literature of Western culture. Specified sets of great books typically range from 100 to 150, though they differ according

to purpose and context. For instance, some lists are built to be read by undergraduates in a college semester system

(130 books, Torrey Honors Institute), some are compiled to be sold as a single set of volumes (500 books, Mortimer

Adler), while some lists aim at a thorough literary criticism (2,400 books, Harold Bloom). The great books are those that

tradition, and various institutions and authorities, have regarded as constituting or best expressing the foundations of

Western culture (the Western canon is a similar but broader designation); derivatively the term also refers to a curriculum

or method of education based around a list of such books.

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Mortimer Adler lists three criteria for including a book on the list: * the book has contemporary significance; that is, it has relevance to the problems and issues of our times; * the book is inexhaustible; it can be read again and again with benefit; "This is an exacting criterion, an ideal that is fully attained by only a small number of the 511 works that we selected. It is approximated in varying degrees by the rest." * the book is relevant to a large number of the great ideas and great issues that have occupied the minds of thinking individuals for the last 25 centuries. The Great Books of the Western World is a hardcover 60-volume collection (originally 54 volumes) of the books on the great books list (about 517 individual works). Many of the books in the collection were translated into English for the first time. This book is designed to be a state of the art, superb academic reference work and provide an overview of the topic and give the reader a structured knowledge to familiarize yourself with the topic at the most affordable price possible. The accuracy and knowledge is of an international viewpoint as the edited articles represent the inputs of many knowledgeable individuals and some of the most current knowledge on the topic, based on the date of publication.

This yearbook presents information on the dates, people, events, and world affairs of 2007. The section entitled "Britannica World Data," updated annually, presents geographic, demographic, and economic details.

Spine note : Events of 1997.

This stimulating and comprehensive encyclopedia for children ages 8-12 provides answers to all the questions kids love to ask. Each chapter is jam-packed with maps, charts, timelines, diagrams, beautiful images, and amazing facts. Did you know,

for example, that a single drop of blood contains around five million blood cells? Or that there are areas of desert in all seven of Earth's continents? Kids can build their knowledge on a wide range of topics-including Earth and beyond, plants and animals, history and politics, science, technology, and the human body-arranged thematically with more than 9,000 indexed entries and 2,500 colorful images. Cross-reference icons encourage children to explore and discover linked information, feeding their curiosity and building their general knowledge. The New Children's Encyclopedia, which has sold almost 500,000 copies worldwide since 2009, has now been fully updated in line with the latest knowledge and research. Developed, written, and checked by experts, this is the must-have reference book for every child's library.

Presents definitions for over 35,000 entries and includes some 3,000 illustrations.

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The New Encyclopaedia BritannicaArctic - Biosphere
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2008Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc.

Chronologically traces the course of human history and civilization from prehistoric times to the present day, covering key events, people, inventions and discoveries, and ideas and beliefs.

"The Histories" is a Roman historical chronicle and it covers the Year of Four Emperors following the downfall of Nero in 68 AD, a year in the history of the Roman Empire in which four emperors ruled in succession: Galba, Otho, Vitellius, and Vespasian. The mode of their accession showed that because imperial power was based on the support of the legions, an emperor could now be chosen not only at Rome, but anywhere in the empire where sufficient legions were amassed. The style of narration is rapid, reflecting the speed of the events. The narrative rhythm leaves no space to slow down or digress. To write effectively in this style, Tacitus had to summarize substantial information from his sources.

"The Annals" is a history of the Roman Empire from the death of Augustus to that of Nero, the years AD 14–68, covering the reigns of Tiberius, Caligula, Claudius and Nero. As a senator, Tacitus had access to Acta Senatus, the Roman senate's records, thus providing a solid basis for his work. Along with The Histories, The Annals provide a key source for modern understanding of the history of the Roman Empire during the 1st century AD.

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