Science Encyclopedia (Usborne Encyclopedia)
Synopsis

Arranged thematically, this encyclopedia contains explanations which, as much as possible, link basic scientific principles to everyday life in order to aid understanding. Cartoons, quizzes and experiments show that science is fun as well as useful.

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Customer Reviews

I like this book very much! Now I know how long the Roman numerals had been used in Europe. And lot of other science factors, such as "how things work" and "how energy works". The pictures in the book is just amazing, it helps a lot for kids like myself to understand the way things work. I think it is a great book!

Just like the other reviewer, I ordered this expecting it to be full size as there was nothing stating it was a miniature on the listing when I ordered (Oct 2015). I would have preferred a full size edition because I use it for homeschooling and usually hold up science/history books while I read so my kids can look at it while I read. This is hard to do with such a small book and I feel that it’s hard to keep their attention because of it. Despite it's tiny size it's loaded with with information, but as another reviewer said it has a LOT crammed on to the pages and the font is really small. I've also come across some errors in it, such as sentences that seem to end in the middle and don't continue
anywhere and have no period. Could be because they had to squeeze it into very small pages maybe?

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I read this non-fiction book aloud to my children. This book covers a lot of ground, including: Energy, physics, light, sound, atoms, and electricity. Due to the nature of the topics, there is a lot of information presented on each page. I personally would have preferred a little less information so that the pages did not look so "busy." The book was published in 1997, so I had to laugh at the section on "Records and Tapes." My kids pointed to the record player and cassette tapes and asked what they were! The book could really stand some updating in the technology section. One thing that my kids loved were the science experiments, which were simple to do and a lot of fun! I love that the book incorporated some "hands-on" things to bring further understanding to the topics. The book covers more mature topics that the other Usborne books that we have been reading, so the depth of information is a bit more complex. We still really enjoyed it, although it wasn’t our favourite Usborne science book.

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