First Science Encyclopedia

A first reference guide to the scientific world

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Synopsis

Bringing young readers into the world of science with gorgeous photography, accessible information, quizzes, fun facts, and more, First Science Encyclopedia is the latest addition to DK’s First Reference series, a collection of reference books for children to use at school or home. With spectacular close-up photography and full-color illustrations, children can set out on a journey of discovery and take a truly comprehensive look at the forces and elements that make up our amazing world.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

We have added DK encyclopedias to enhance our homeschool curriculum, such as the First Dinosaur Encyclopedia and the First Space Encyclopedia, and this one is one of the best! It covers space science, earth science, physical science and life science. The photographs and illustrations are the best I have ever seen in a children’s encyclopedia. I loved the science timeline which includes famous scientists, inventors, and some of the world’s biggest discoveries in history (ex: x-rays, Vitamin C, and DNA). Everything from microbiology to geology, and then some. I was really pleased when my 4 yr old recognized the periodic table of elements (very detailed). That section also discusses all the different ways we use the elements. I also recommend Here Comes Science
by They Might Be Giants. P.S. The theory of evolution is not mentioned in this book.

My daughter LOVES these encyclopedias. We’ve been acquiring the set little by little. My daughter who is now 5 has been devouring these for the past year. They’ve inspired her mind in so many ways, but most notably they’ve inspired her to become a really good reader. She could read a little bit before we got these, but now she tackles the big words with ease because she so wants to know what these encyclopedias have to say. They are great scientific explanations that young minds can understand. Plus they are filled with fun questions and facts. Great buy!

I bought this for my 6th grader niece, she’s interested in science & math. Her 6 year old sister enjoys it, but not as much. It clearly explains and I may buy one for my students.

This is another wonderful and informative book by DK. We also have the First Body Book and love that too. I purchased this science edition for my four year old son. Some things are still a bit above his understanding but it’s a nice way to introduce him to science. I’d say these books are perfect books for the 5 to 6 year old range. My daughter got the body one when she was 5 and loved it. She still does at 6 and by the time she’s 7 I expect she will be reading it on her own. I have learned a lot from reading this to my son. A lot of details I have forgotten over the years, so it’s a nice refresher.

A great book for inquisitive five year old boys. Many follow up questions for dad to answer. Dad, I hope you’ve completed your education and kept up to date. Make sure you read this book cover to cover before you give it to your kid.

Bought this for my grandson when he turned 6 yrs old. He LOVES science, and his mom tells me she has to read from it every day! He can’t wait until he can read well enough to read it for himself! Lots of great information for the junior science buff:)

This is a great introduction to science. It is probably geared toward 2nd grade and up, but I’m going to use it a page at a time with my kindergartner. I love that it begins with a breakdown of the different branches of science (life, physical, material, space), and you build from there learning a basic overview of each branch. The scientific process etc. is also discussed in the first introductory section. It is well illustrated with lots of graphics and photos. I bought it to serve as a guide for unit studies with real books, and I’m very excited to get started with it. I feel with this book that I will not
have any major skips! I also feel I can use it for several years in our homeschool, since it will be used as a guide!

Very nice to pick up this book and other 'First...Encyclopedia' books and teach our young son some basics about science. Go to any page and find a topic that can lead to a conversation and new discovery for our son.

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