

Picturepedia



Synopsis

Ten thousand stunning photographs and illustrations catalog the wonders of history, space, the natural world, and more in this ultimate resource for kids ages 9–12. Bringing together an amazing array of images to explain every topic under the sun—and beyond—this book has a mini-encyclopedia on every page. Picturepedia contains chapters on science and technology, nature, geography, culture, sports and hobbies, history, insects, musical instruments, spacecraft, world maps, famous discoveries, prehistoric life, and more. Every double-page spread contains a wealth of information on a given topic, with galleries, lists, sequences, facts, timelines, and much more, while every topic is illustrated with up to 100 photos, graphics, and illustrations. Perfect for gift giving, or adding to any home or school library, Picturepedia is a stimulating quick-reference that kids will come back to time and time again.

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Customer Reviews

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sports, and history, Pictopedia is the ultimate visual encyclopedia. The Smithsonian Established in 1846, the Smithsonian is the world's largest museum and research complex. It includes 19 museums and galleries, and the National Zoological Park. The Smithsonian is a renowned research center, dedicated to public education, national service, and scholarship in the arts, sciences, and history. Turn the pages and discover... The world's greatest inventions from the wheel to the world wide web. The biggest volcano on Earth, the deadliest snake, and the most poisonous mushroom. How a hurricane forms, how a steam engine works, and how to do a magic trick. Where the Vikings raided, where our food comes from, and where World War I was fought. The world's greatest explorers, inventors, warriors, leaders, athletes, and more.

Musical instruments From very early times, people have enjoyed making music by beating, plucking, rattling, or blowing into instruments. Different groups of instruments are known as "families." In an orchestra, many of them come together to combine their sounds. [View larger](#)

Trains In 1804 British engineer Richard Trevithick tried attaching a steam engine to a wagon, a job that before then had been done by horses. It easily pulled enormous weights, and the steam railroad was born. Today's trains use diesel, electricity, or magnetic levitation to run fast and cleanly. [View larger](#)

[View larger](#) [View larger](#) [View larger](#) **Gems** A gemstone, or gem, is a mineral that has been polished and shaped by a skilled craftsman in order to enhance its beauty. The most highly prized gems are hard-wearing and rare. There are more than 5,000 known minerals on Earth, but fewer than 100 are used as gemstones. **Insects** Out of all the animals on Earth, insects are the biggest success story. There are greater numbers, living in more places, than any other type of creature. More than a million insect species have been identified and there may be millions still to discover. **Great thinkers** Throughout history, people have asked questions about the world and our place in it. Some great philosophers have come up with answers that have transformed our thinking and others challenge us by posing new problems for us to think about.

Wild cats Sleek, stealthy, patient, and intelligent, wild cats are natural killers. Most of them hunt on their own, using their claws and teeth to catch, stab, and cut up their prey. They are athletic, with

supple, muscular bodies that are well adapted to running, climbing, leaping, and even swimming. They live in various habitats across Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas. [View larger](#)

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• This volume is a playful compendium of facts, trivia, and history, just perfect for browsing. It covers everything from national flags and animal skeletons to gourmet cheese, from the Renaissance to fashion through the decades to just about everything else in between. There's no in-depth discussion in this book, which is touted as "an encyclopedia on every page," but it is copiously and colorfully illustrated, making it an attractive selection for fans of the DK single topic books. The 360 pages make for one heavy book and its size may deter some younger readers and browsers. Like other DK offerings, it's thoughtfully laid out, with clean page layouts and excellent photos and indexing. But those looking for more information on individual topics won't find it here; rather, it's an ideal book for those looking to kill time in study hall or find a fresh topic for a term paper. VERDICT A fun read that aligns with Common Core, this title is a suitable purchase for larger collections and browsing tables.
• Sharon Verbeten, Brown County Library, Green Bay, WI

"Pore through over 10,000 pictures in this slick, one-stop volume on science, technology, nature, geography, culture, sports, hobbies and history."
• San Francisco Chronicle
"With 10,000 photographs and much more, Picturepedia beautifully illustrates subjects as diverse as the Earth's structure, feudal Japan and soccer."
• Shelf Awareness
"[V]isually dazzling."
• Idaho Statesman
"DK's Picturepedia gets it right with smart, colorful images."
• New Haven Register
"Fun facts, trivia and eye candy on every single page."
• Winkbooks
"A playful compendium of facts, trivia, and history, just perfect for browsing."
• School Library Journal

This book has EVERYTHING! Butterflies, trains, food, rocks, planes. Almost anything you can think of this book has. My son is 9 and is in love with it. Buy this book! You wont be disappointed!

This is a fantastic resource for my elementary school daughter. As having graduated as a science major in college, I try to surround her with all manner of learning devices, and this is one she can dip in and out of when the mood strikes her. Vividly portrayed, there is a wealth of information jammed into each page, yet not in so crowded a way as to be overwhelming. I'm sure this book will see many years of use, and I highly recommend it to parents of children whose reading skills are at about the second grade level and beyond.

I had a similar book as a child and loved it. My kids love this one just as much. I love that it is great for pre readers - the pictures tell you a lot without needing to read. Once they can read, it will be even better!

We always love DK books - this is a great book for the entire family. Would probably also make a great gift for curious kids. Highly recommend.

Received today .. fast shipping, new clean book. First impression is great and happy with the purchase. But fonts are very small which is difficult to read, but you can't easily put all these information without make fonts small.

BEAUTIFUL BOOK, very well made and interesting both for kids and grown-ups. I read it with my 9 year old daughter and we both love it!

Oh my gosh! We absolutely love this book. I got it for my sons 4th birthday. He is constantly asking questions about how and why things work and just wants to know everything. This book has had all the answers and so much more. Super interesting. My husband and I often just browse through and read about random things.

Beautiful book professionally done. Created with care for kids. My children love it. We read and learn on it together.

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