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National Geographic Kids Almanac 2011 (National Geographic Kids Almanac (Quality))



Synopsis

Dare to explore! The National Geographic Kids Almanac 2011 brings young readers the very latest updates on living on, and caring for, planet Earth. The Almanac's cool photos, lively illustrations and easy-to-read format encourages readers to absorb countless incredible facts and spend hours browsing hot topics, such as fun ways to convince your family to go green. In true National Geographic Kids magazine style, this is a book to excite kids about their planet: its fun-filled pages are packed with everything from how to decode your dreams to the excitement of underwater pumpkin carving to the fascinating powers of the human brain. Geography, history, science, and adventure's all here to explore in one single volume. This is the reference book that gives young minds MORE... More than 15 homework-helper sections More than 50 puzzles, projects, and really cool experiments More than 500 pictures of our planet and all that's on it More than 5,000 fun and amazing facts The opening section introduces timely information for 2011 and unique National Geographic content. The rest of the Almanac is filled with fun facts and helpful references on subjects from countries worldwide to Presidents stateside, from the wisdom of convention to cool new inventions.

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Customer Reviews

I was very impressed with this almanac! Probably the first thing that struck me was how many gorgeous, colorful photographs were between the pages of this book -- something like 500 pictures. I shouldn't have been surprised since this is a National Geographic publication, but I have to say that these pictures are stunning. The graphics are also bright and eye-catching and definitely complement the information. Another benefit of this book is how it is formatted. The book is divided into nine different sections and the top of the pages are color-coded to match the topics. This makes it very easy to flip through the pages and find whatever you are looking for. Each page is also filled with colorful pictures and features consisting of different sizes and types of fonts. You can't help but be drawn into each page. What really impressed me the most was how much information is contained in this book. It really does cover a tremendous amount of topics; however, I didn't find it overwhelming in the slightest (even for children). The information is written in very clear and concise manner -- perfect for kids. I also love all the different ways that information is presented in this book. A child cannot possibly get bored when there are crafts, games, jokes, stories, weblistings and even homework help. It really is a very fun book that is also chock full of interesting facts! I'm pretty sure that most kids aren't going to sit down and read this entire book straight through (although I admit that I probably would have as a child.) More likely, they will skim through it and read whatever catches their eye or they might even use it as a reference book. I really appreciated that this book is softcover so it's easy to tote around or throw into a backpack for bus-ride reading.

I am kind of afraid to put this book in my classroom library because it is the kind that always gets stolen and/or has pages torn out of it. My students love reading about cool, updated facts, and I know that I will have to watch this book like a hawk or it will be gone. Although the average kid wouldn't say he or she loves history or science, they really do! They don't like listening to lectures or taking notes, but they love reading about how science is applied in the real world and seeing some weird, interesting tidbit about something historical. This almanac has a wealth of learning available in glorious, color-filled bites. There is even a section about going green which I (of course) loved because it had a section on letter-writing that is photo-copy worthy for when I teach that later on in the year. There are traditional facts that all teachers want to instill in their students, but there are so many current items that this will be a fresh hit. What I love most about this book are the short, factual passages. They are a huge motivator for any reluctant reader due to the interesting photos, and they particularly tend to interest boys. I am always looking for something to engage those guys, so I was ecstatic to find this one.

These are the best! My 8 year old son loves the almanacs! There are so many times that we are going somewhere and he starts telling me some random fact and I ask where he gets it and it's always "my almanacs!"

We took the kids on a two-week long road trip across the country. My eldest daughter brought this almanac along to keep her mind occupied. We did not make it through the first day of the trip without having to stop at a bookstore to purchase a second copy for our younger son. Both of them took turns reading aloud and sharing different facts. It made for a very special trip. We are not familiar with the author Curtis Malarkey, but if we knew of other book he has written we would be certain to get copies ... multiple copies.

Reviewed by: Wayne WalkerWho says that learning about geography, history, and science can't be enjoyable? The new, first-ever National Geographic Kids Almanac 2010, with over 500 stunning photographs and more than 300 pages, is the kind of book that I could have sat down with when I was a student and spent many happy hours leafing through--and for that matter still can! This backpack-sized reference book with full-color design and an easy-to-read format is filled with amazing facts arranged in nine chapters: Your World 2010; Awesome Adventure; Amazing Animals; Culture Connection; Geography Rocks (what else would you expect from National Geographic?), with lists of information about every nation on Earth and each of the US States; Going Green; History Happens; Wonders of Nature; and Super Science. In addition to fun crafts, games, jokes, and recipes, the almanac will help children get ready for school with a section entitled "Homework Help" at the end of each chapter explaining topics like how to write an essay, create a report, read a map, give a speech, and do a science project. Curious kids will find this book both interesting and useful.

Bought this book for my 9 year old son when we had a 12 hour car ride ahead of us. It kept him occupied and he found it very interesting. He kept sharing facts and pictures with his little brother and I.

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