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National Geographic Kids Almanac 2014 (National Geographic Kids Almanac (Quality))



Synopsis

The world's best-selling Almanac for kids is packed with amazing animals, cool inventions, dinosaurs, robots, maps, games, activities, and more all in one "fun-tastic" volume. In true National Geographic style, this book excites young people about their world and everything in it, so it's no surprise that the 2012 edition landed at #3 on the New York Times best seller list! The 2014 Almanac features fun information, browsable features, and helpful reference on subjects including technology, countries, presidents, animals, weather, funny roadside attractions, outer space, green tips, and natural disasters, just for starters. Chapters include Amazing Animals, Going Green, Geography Rocks, Super Science, Wonders of Nature, Awesome Adventure, Culture Connection, History Happens, and an interactive Fun and Games chapter. Exciting changes for 2014 include:

- Forty percent NEW content, including photos and articles
- Mobile media features in every chapter that readers can download to an iPod Touch or smart phone, including National Geographic animal videos, photo galleries, and interactive games
- A brand new special section on cute animals
- A fully revamped continents of the world section
- A special Fun and Games chapter featuring all-new jokes, games, and comics, featuring funny animal photos and colorful illustrations
- A fully updated "Your World" section, which opens the Almanac, will include all-new, up-to-the-moment content
- All-new fun facts, activities, games, and crafts
- More than 500 photographs, including incredible gorgeous new photo spreads featuring animals, adventure, nature, and more
- 8 Homework Help sections
- All facts, figures, and reference material will be updated
- And much more...

Book Information

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Average Customer Review: 4.8 out of 5 stars 75 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #104,317 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #18 in Books > Children's Books > Education & Reference > Reference > Almanacs #589 in Books > Children's Books > Activities, Crafts & Games > Games

Age Range: 9 - 12 years

Grade Level: 4 - 7

Customer Reviews

"This book is so entertaining your kids won't even realize they are learning." --Kidventurous blog
"A book that will appeal to all those kids who love collecting interesting facts." --About.com Children's Books
"The world's best-selling Almanac for kids is packed with amazing animals, cool inventions, dinosaurs, robots, maps, games, activities, and more all in one fun-tastic volume." --GoAdventureMom.com

Based in part on content from the award-winning and top-selling children's magazine, National Geographic Kids. Additional content was created by multiple National Geographic contributors, including researchers and photographers in the field, as well as content experts and educational specialists. The author lives in Washington, DC.

My daughter loves these almanacs. By itself it's a great book. However, if you have the 2013 almanac you'll see re-used material. My daughter was very disappointed to see many of the same articles. So 5 star if you don't have 2013, and two star if you do

I'm giving this almanac 4 stars because I am comparing it to The Old Farmer's Almanac for kids (2014) which is clearly 5 stars, and the World Almanac for Kids 2014, which is 3 stars for me. (See my other reviews if you are interested in why I gave those ratings.) This almanac is more educational than the World Almanac for Kids, but slightly more focused on animals and such when compared to the Old Farmer's Almanac for Kids. I'll most likely purchase this one again, though, because when paired with the Old Farmer's one, there is nothing lacking as far as great and fun information that is highly educational, accompanied by many fun activities. Believe me, this is a great almanac and would most likely be rated 5 stars by me if I wasn't comparing it to the Old Farmer's one for kids. It's just that I believe it is slightly less interesting than the Old Farmer's one, but not by much. The National Geographic one is still highly readable, very well organized, and extremely educational.

You can't go wrong buying this almanac. The World Almanac for Kids 2014 has too many pop culture references, which is one of the reasons I gave it 3 stars on the review I provided for it.

This kids almanac has a lot of good information in it, as well as great pictures / charts, that sparks the imagination and thoughts of my middle schooler. While not all-encompassing in terms of the level of knowledge delivered, it has led to further (unprompted) research and exploring which is always better than sitting in front of a TV. If you're looking for something that both entertains and educates, I would recommend this one.

My kids absolutely love the annual National Geographic Kids almanacs. Every year they can't wait for the new one to come out. They pour over the pictures together. (The pictures are beautifully detailed and vibrant.) They also read and recall all kinds of interesting facts about things that they like to share with parents and grandparents. In an age of everything on the computer (which, of course, I'm using right now) I'm glad my kids haven't lost the art of curling up with an interesting magazine or a good book. I'm glad that National Geographic puts out something on paper that makes kids want to turn off the electronics and turn to a book!

I purchased this book for my son before we embarked on a 10 hour car ride. He has not stopped reading it since. This book is PACKED full of all sorts of cool factoids and information to keep young minds intrigued for hours. He learns so much from this book and loves to share all his new knowledge. He takes the book with him everywhere, and has been counting down the days until the 2015 Almanac comes out. I am so happy with this purchase that we keep buying it as gifts for other young readers. Don't pass this one up!

My 7- year- old granddaughter and I ran across this book in a department store. I could tell she was really interested in it, but knew I could save several dollars by ordering it from Amazon, which I did right away. I had the book delivered in her name at her house. She was surprised and thrilled. She brought the book to my house that day, and we had loads of fun with it. Of course, she had to ask grandma every question in it to see how much I knew. This was great fun for both of us! The pictures are great. Lots of facts about science and geography, history, etc. If you have a curious child who wants to KNOW, this is a wonderful book!

Great Info!

I pre-ordered this for my 9 year old son as a homeschool aid for next year. As soon as it arrived the in the mail he took it and started reading. He loved that there is a full color photograph for each factoid. As a parent I appreciate that each section was created and edited by experts in that particular field. The book is packed with fun and interesting information. Although my son is a quick reader, it will take a while for him to read through and digest everything. This is a book that touches on the big-band theory, evolution and other science based thinking. It will be perfect for our homeschool curriculum next year. We haven't yet tried the Scanner App that links this book to the national geographic website. There are lots of opportunities to scan the icon throughout the book. If you don't have a smart phone you can still access the content through a web link on the inside cover. I'll update when I have used this feature. The contents are: Your world 2014 (Important events happening in 2014) Awesome adventure (explorers that have adventures) Amazing Animals Wonders of Nature Culture Connection Fun and Games Super Science Going Green History Happens Geography Rocks

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