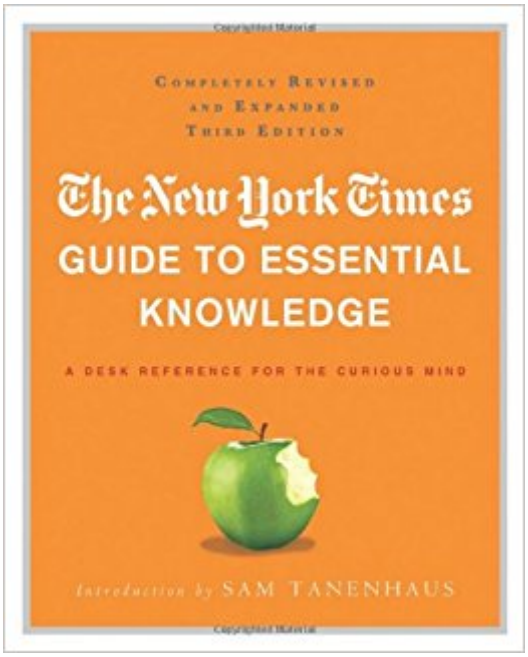
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# The New York Times Guide To Essential Knowledge: A Desk Reference For The Curious Mind




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This is without a doubt one of the most wonderful books I have come across. It is simply the adult's replacement of the kitchen table Donald Duck album by Carl Barks with food stains. It is a magical wonderful thing to own. Only be sure to get the PAPER version.

I bought this title (KIndle version) thinking it would be along the lines of the classic Columbia Desk Encyclopedia. It consists rather of a series of fairly lengthy essays on a variety of broad topics pretty much covering the gamut of human knowledge in of course a very general way. The essays seem well researched in most cases and will provide a reliable introduction to fields a reader is not familiar with. The lack of a fast, indexed searched to specific topics or keywords, however, limits its usefulness as a quick reference source. Searching for keywords seems to be brute force as my Kindle Fire plows through the entire text, which can take an unduly long time.

Poorly organized. Hard to find anything useful.

It seems like a lot of reviewers here haven't gotten the point. This book is:- NOT a reference to look things up in (that's what Google and Wikipedia are for)- NOT a completely comprehensive guide to subject X (it's already 1300+ pages, how much more do you want?!)- NOT 100% perfect in every single detail, number, spelling, list inclusion, etc.- NOT perfectly balanced in how many inches are given to one type of literature vs another, etc.So if you're looking for any of those, this is NOT the book.What the book IS (besides being really heavy), is a fantastic overview of human knowledge in general, to read gradually from cover to cover (or at random) over a year or two. In a lot of senses, it's what high school and college should have taught us all, but never did. If you're a person curious about the world, this book is a great starting point to see what kind of knowledge you've missed in your life up until now. And then, whatever you're more curious about, you can buy more books on that.I personally have started reading a section every morning at breakfast. A friend of mine listens to a TED Talk every morning on the way to work. I think they're comparable experiences, and both great, intellectually stimulating ways to start the day.Some people have read the Encyclopedia

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