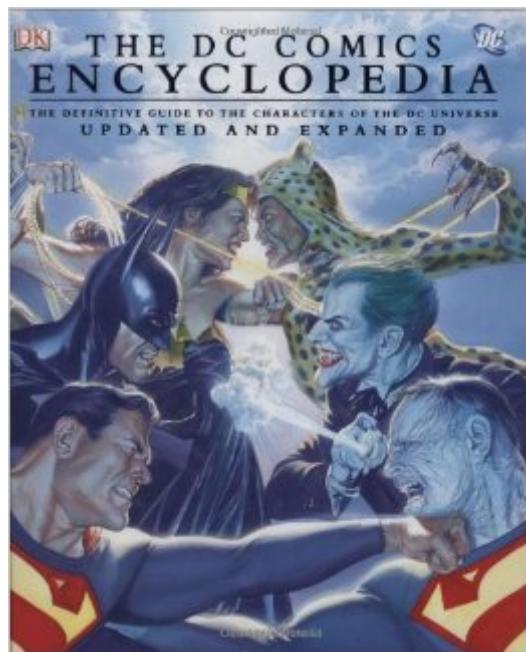


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# The DC Comics Encyclopedia, Updated And Expanded Edition



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## **Customer Reviews**

For collectors who enjoy collecting books about comicbooks and superheroes, this is an essential piece of your library. I am happy to own it, but I would have been extremely frustrated if I paid the original list price. The DC Comics Encyclopedia, by DK Publishing, reflects some of the sloppiest editorial work I have ever read from a professional book publisher. I have been in education most of my adult working life and I expect a higher standard of quality work from my teenage students when it comes to reviewing and editing their own work. I am not qualified to evaluate the accuracy of the information, but you don't need to be an expert to spot the many flaws. Many pictures are mislabeled. Some sentences just stop midway and pick up with the next sentence. I have even found what looks like editorial notes that were clearly intended for one of the many contributors. It is incredible to believe that this would miss the watchful eye of the editor and publisher and actually make it to print. As a reference book, The DC Comics Encyclopedia still has value. I can only hope that the person or people responsible for the sloppy work are not hired on for additional projects in the near future. Comics may not be considered "high literature," but for those of us who admire the work of the creators, artist, writers, and publishers of comic books...we, along with the creators,

themselves, deserve more respect than what is evidenced by the work in this book.

I originally had the DC Encyclopedia without the expanded updates and I have to say I like the updated information the larger book provides, what I think they did, however, was remove some of the character (doing a side by side comparison) to make room for the newer characters and/or their descriptions. Overall it is a great book, I do think the next expansion should be just a separate, smaller book with the new material in it like the Watchmen world and the new "Before Watchmen" series they've started as well as the revamp for the NEW 52, (which I am very much enjoying for those who wonder), thanks for reading folk, have a nice day!

This is a beautiful, giant-sized coffee table book for any fan of DC Comics. It gives you an in-depth, yet succinct, account of DC Comics' heroes, villains, and those in between. It provides their statistics and a well-written history for each. Each entry is dotted with images from the actual comics across the years. Also included are entries for important events in the DC Universe, such as the Crisis on Infinite Earths. The downside? None of the facts and figures in this book are relevant anymore in DC Comics' New 52 reboot. The heroes and villains in the current DC Comics no longer have the history displayed so wonderfully in this book. So, if you're a huge fan of DC Comics pre-2011, this is a fantastic book for you. It serves as a great reminder of the classic stories that DC offered prior to scrapping everything and starting over. Just be aware that none of the information presented apply to present-day DC Comics.

I would have given this book a five star review if 1. It had actually every DC character in it, and 2. The authors actually sat down and proof read this thing before releasing it. It has a lot of DC characters I never knew of. But I was disappointed that in some spots of the book, it references characters under other characters bio's, but does not have that said characters bio. For example, in Lois Lane's bio it references Mister Majestic. I never heard of the guy, so I look under the M section, and he is not in there. Secondly, this book is not a very good read at all. Most bio's I have seen have enough info, but I have found a lot of grammatical errors, and some what looks to be, bad cut and paste, to where two of the same paragraphs are back to back. Under Superman, and a couple others I found this error, mind you, I went to my favorites first, then just went page by page through half the book. Overall, I like it, but it could be a lot better. Pictures are great, but I wonder how many DC characters total have been left out, since this was published in 2008.

## Great Buy

This book is awesome. I bought it for my son as an "end of the school year" present and it was a huge hit. He really liked the graphics and all of the information in it. This book will tell you everything you ever wanted to know about every DC hero, villain, whatever. They do a great job at organizing all the information so kids of all ages can read it and love it. This is like an encyclopedia of the characters- there are not comics in it.

This is a wonderful encyclopedia for the DC comic characters, and I find it very useful as reference while I'm watching either The Flash, Arrow, or Legends of Tomorrow TV Shows, where all sorts of classic DC characters from the comic books pop up.

I never thought for one moment that I will be interested in the world of DC or Marvel until recently. My son is using these books to educate me. We have worked through the alphabetic list in the book and are now at S where all the Super Heroes enter the arena. As we page through this beautifully illustrated book, my 10 year old lectures me on the different heroes, how they fit together in certain stories, who is the father/mother/brother/sister of who and how to tell a villain from a hero. I am so happy I bought these books. They are a treat for anybody who enjoys comics. Each listed character comes with his/her own character guide: a detailed info sheet explaining all about the character and it is also a quick reference guide. What I really would like to do is make boxes for each of his six books, because these are going to become family heirlooms. They are hard cover, quite heavy and big, or as my son pointed out: a solid foundation to sound knowledge of the world of DC!

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