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# Marvel Encyclopedia



## Synopsis

Bring the Marvel Universe home with this all-inclusive encyclopedia detailing little-known facts and information about more than 1,200 iconic Marvel characters. Created in full collaboration with Marvel Comics, the Marvel Encyclopedia features new entries on the latest characters and teams, updated facts on existing ones including their latest looks and story lines, and expanded entries on major superheroes such as Spider-Man, Thor, and The Avengers. Special double-page features have also been added highlighting recent major crossover events in the Marvel Universe, such as Fear Itself, and the Marvel Now series. The book is packed with comic book imagery and organized in an easy-to-find A-Z style. PopMatters.com says, "This coffee table volume is incredibly beautiful and presented in ways that online searching can't quite match." The Marvel Encyclopedia is an essential book for new fans and for anyone who grew up loving the excitement, heroism, and humor of the Marvel Universe. © 2016 MARVEL

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Thanos Infamous as the Mad Titan, Thanos committed many more atrocities in the name of wooing Death, including eradicating half of the lifeforms in the universe with the Infinity Gauntlet. [View larger](#)

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This is a fantastic book and was a huge hit with my 8 year old son. He LOVES it! He has another character collection book (Marvel the Avengers - The Ultimate Character Guide) that is tiny in comparison. I'm not a Marvel expert by any stretch of the imagination but I can't imagine any characters that aren't in here. It has everything...heroes, villains, groups of heroes, groups of villains, "ages" (i.e. Age of Ultron). For each character, there is an information box that they call a "Factfile". In the Factfile, they have the character's "real" name (think Peter Parker for Spiderman), their occupation, the location of their base, height, weight, eye color, powers, allies, foes and when they first appeared in the Marvel Comics (Comic name and year) Here is a tiny sampling of what is in the book: A-Bomb, Abomination, Abraxas, Absalon, Absorbing Man, Abyss, Achilles, Acolytes, Action Pack, Acts of Vengeance, Adam-2, Adversary, Aegis, Aero, Aftershock, Agamemnon, Agency X, Agent Axis, Agents of Atlas, Agent X, Agent Zero, Age of Apocalypse, Age of Ultron, Age of X, Agony, Ahab, AIM, Air-Walker, Ajak, Ajax, Albion, Alephs, Aleta, Liz Allan, Alliance of Evil, All-Winners Squad, Alpha, Alpha Flight, Alpha-Stone, Marlene Alraune, Alter Ego, Amatsu-Mikaboshi, s, American Dream, American Eagle, Amphibian, Anachronauts, Anaconda,

Anarchist, Ancient One, Andromeda, A-Next, Angar, Angel, Angela, Dirk Anger...and that is just 1/4 of the book! It is crazy! For some of the minor characters, there are multiple characters on one page. There is more space dedicated to the major characters. Spiderman, for example, has 4 pages dedicated to him. One of the pictures attached to this review shows one of the pages as an example. The characters are all in alphabetical order so between that and a very detailed index (there is a picture attached of one page of the index as an example), it is really easy to find specific characters. If you have a question about whether a specific character is in the book, you can comment below and I will look for you. If nothing else, the book would make a great weapon. It is huge! It is 439 pages! If this review was helpful at all, please click the star below. I purchase loads of things online and rely very heavily on reviews. I want to start being a good Citizen and actually write reviews for a change (and I want them to be helpful)! Happy Marvel-ing!

Incredible!!! I am blown away by this mixture of information and design and art from one source. The Marvel Universe is massive and for many people only partially known. This is similar to a hardcover book about superheroes that I had as a young dude. I have still amazed people from the knowledge of individual characters and teams of good and bad super cool mythical characters that surpasses the Ancient Greek and Roman Mythology Characters; by far and away. These days I am always on my iPhone or iPad or something for business and entertainment. But like the current generation loves Harry Potter and the incredible books/movies and just pure genius of this world; this is my world of art and battles for good against an ever growing world within this incredible hardcover book. This is worth several times over the price... for the right person.

As a quick reference guide it's a good start for non comic book readers who just want the basics. Not very extensive in each character's background but provides enough info to get you started in case you want to delve deeper and pick up some trade paperbacks/graphic novels. Of course you would have to choose your favorites. The popular ones have already been introduced on the big screen or TV shows such as X-Men, Fantastic Four, the Avengers, Captain America, Hulk, Iron Man, Thor, Wolverine, Spider-Man, Daredevil, Deadpool, Blade, Black Panther, Doctor Strange etc... I'm sure at one point or another you've heard of most of them even for a casual fan that has only seen the movies.

My 6 year old is enthralled with the Marvel universe. Sometime instead of a bedtime story, she will

pick a letter and we will read about a super hero or super villain and discuss them

ÃfÃ Ã ÅÃ ÆÃ â ¬. I love this because these characters have no limits, which is exactly what I want to reinforce with her.

I have always been a huge fan of comics and super heroes in general. Always loved reading about the characters and their set of powers and abilities. Before I even knew this book existed I used to get on Wikipedia or Marvel DB and read about all of the different heroes and villains. My wife bought the Marvel Encyclopedia for me on my birthday and I love it. It has almost every single character in the Marvel Universe (even some obscure ones that most won't know). It gives a short bio, 1st comic appearance, and powers/abilities list. It also includes some teams and important marvel comic events. Highly recommend to anyone who loves super heroes, and is a great conversation started with guests.

I received the book the very next afternoon. A need for any Marvel comic book lover. Vast amounts of background stories on the favorites. They have updated some of the pictures and added more to the stories. Even if you own the old Encyclopedia this is a must have

This is great for the whole family to learn about all of the Marvel Comics. My son has lots of questions about good guys or the bad guys and Mom was having a difficult time answering them. I purchased the encyclopedia so that we could learn together. I have learned a lot about who is a friend and who is a foe. My 4 year old is in love with this encyclopedia and we are looking at this one and the DC Comics one on a regular basis.

This book is incredible! I could look through it for hours. So glad I bought it. One of the few books Ive paid retail for in a local book shop, thats how good it is. I love it. I like DC (for the most part) more, and I like this book better than the new DC one, although that book is excellent too! This might just be a little better. Both are GREAT! Can't recommend them enough!

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