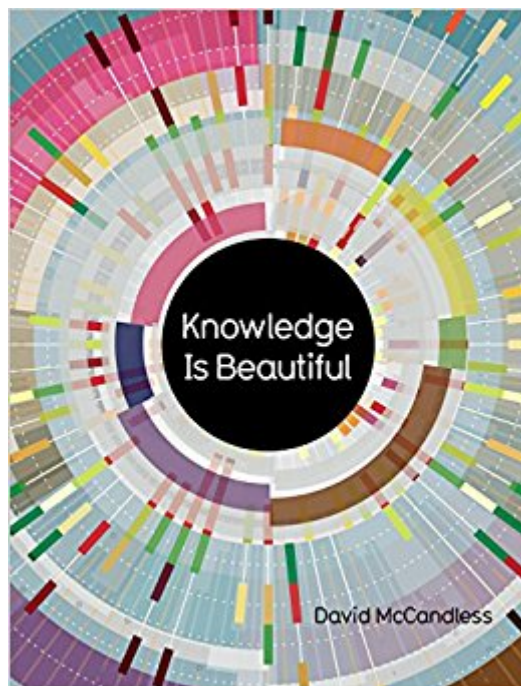


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Knowledge Is Beautiful: Impossible Ideas, Invisible Patterns, Hidden Connections--Visualized



Synopsis

In this sequel to the bestselling book *The Visual Miscellaneum*, author David McCandless uses stunning and unique visuals to reveal unexpected insights into how the world really works. Every day, every hour, every minute we are bombarded with information, from television, from newspapers, from the Internet, we're steeped in it. We need a way to relate to it. Enter David McCandless and his stunning infographics, simple, elegant ways to interact with information too complex or abstract to grasp any way but visually. McCandless creates visually stunning displays that blend the facts with their connections, contexts, and relationships, making information meaningful, entertaining, and beautiful. And his genius is as much in finding fresh ways to provocatively combine datasets as it is in finding new ways to show the results. *Knowledge is Beautiful* is a fascinating spin through the world of visualized data, all of it bearing the hallmark of David McCandless's boundary-breaking, signature style. The captivating follow-up to the bestseller *The Visual Miscellaneum*, *Knowledge is Beautiful* offers a deeper, more ranging look at the world and its history, with more connectivity between the pages, a greater exploration of causes and consequences, and a more inclusive global outlook. With a portion of its content crowd-sourced from McCandless's international following, *Knowledge is Beautiful* achieves a revolutionary and democratic look at the key issues from questions on history and politics, the facts of science, streams of literature, and much more. This is a project that will truly push the boundaries of books everywhere, providing insights into our world in a way never seen before.

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“An inventive follow-up to 2009’s cult hit *Information Is Beautiful*. ...Mr. McCandless has a gift for revealing hidden structures, patterns and connections, and *Knowledge Is Beautiful* is thought-provoking as well as startlingly attractive. (Wall Street Journal)

“From the amount the potential tax revenue from legalizing drugs worldwide to disappearing seed varieties, data journalist David McCandless transforms abstract information into engaging visuals. His book *Knowledge Is Beautiful*...has his newest graphics for making sometimes imperceptible connections accessible.

(HYPERALLERGIC)

Impossible ideas, invisible patterns, hidden connections visualized. Deepen your understanding of the world with these mind-blowing infographics from the bestselling author of *The Visual Miscellaneum*

What a pleasant concept. Many of the charts are thought provoking. On balance, though, I can not recommend this text. Here’s why. Some of the charts are not legible. In several cases, the amount of information is so great as to force the type to a size no longer readable without the aid of a powerful magnifier. Also, in many cases, the type face is not intended to be legible in a smaller size. It is easy to see that most of the charts are really designed for a much larger space and were simply reduced for printing. In other cases, heavy reverse colors, and obscuring background colors make image recognition almost impossible. Heavy solids with very thin reverse lines are not the best choice for lithography, though the printer seems to have favored consistent solids in deference to legibility. A lot more work went into the chart concept than went into the selection of type and color breaks. The introduction layout is so generous and easy to read as to be a miss-fit with the rest of the book.

Some of the visualizations are unique and thought provoking. I wish I could see it on a bigger screen. Zooming in on the bitmap images causes them to blur terribly. Apparently, I cannot see this book on my Windows 7 machine. Windows 8 is required. I need a magnifier to read the charts on my iPad. Also, I am not sure about the data points relative to the image ratios behind the charts. Some of them seem incorrect.

Great coffee table book. We already own one of McCandless books and I was afraid some of the information could be repetitive or duplicated, it definitely isn’t! I ordered the print version and find the font small and hard to read in some graphics, it should definitely be a printed in a larger format. The

book is so interesting it's worth the aggravation of having to use a magnifying glass here and there. I've read some complaints from the electronic version, I don't think this book is suitable for that type of format and the publishers should have never released one (the back lash has been tremendous)

This book is required for a course that I am taking and I made the mistake of purchasing the Kindle version initially. I tried using it on a couple of different devices; It did not work on my MacBook Pro (13-inch, Early 2011. Latest OS). I kept getting a "Not Compatible with device" error. I did manage to open the book on my iPad but I could hardly see anything. I wish they would mention something about these issues in the Kindle description. Anyhow, I had to order the hard copy. The book is well "written" and definitely captures your attention. We saw some of the author's Ted Talks in School and it was pretty impressive. Overall, I would definitely NOT recommend the Kindle version! If you DO need this book, get the hard copy.

It's main use seems to me as a help in deciding how to display information in striking and quirky ways. Another, though, is that many of the displays are monuments to questions of startling originality. There were some of the displays that left me with questions or a desire to quibble, and a couple where it seemed to me likely the originators have misunderstood the causal and conceptual connections.

Lousy content resolution for an online book. Can't even zoom in to see visualizations details.

The charts are well done, however, this is not a book you'll learn anything from, nor will you refer to it, since there isn't anything to learn, just look. A ton of pretty charts, with many chaotic ones. However, McCandless is brilliant. If you need inspiration, go to Behance.

I probably should have returned this. It makes a far better coffee table book than anything. Pretty images. little substance.

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