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Orpheus Books was established in 1992. From small beginnings, we have grown to become one of the world's foremost creators of non-fiction, reference and "books plus" for children, specializing in the international co-editions market. Our reputation is built on the highly innovative nature of our concepts, our unusual and imaginative formats and the superb quality of our illustrations.

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In 2014, we launched Q-files.com, the world's first free online encyclopedia specially designed for children. Comprehensive, in-depth and advert-free, it is aimed at children between the ages of 8 and 13. Q-files is now available to purchase as a series of apps, permitting offline browsing. Please visit www.Q-files.com to find out more.



SEARCH AND FIND

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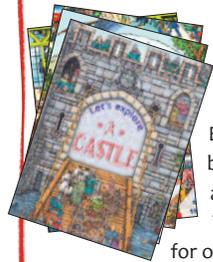
Children love looking for hidden things in busy scenes. Here, they have up to eight items to search for, plus one special thing hidden away. There are plenty of cutaways featured, too.

Titles
Transport ♦ Nature
My World ♦ History

SPEC: 273 x 195 mm, 24pp, 1000 words approx.
single-volume bind-up of 80pp also available

LET'S EXPLORE

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Take a trip through a castle, a pirate ship, a city, a building site or the world of the dinosaurs. Every spread in each of these beautifully illustrated books is full of action and funny things going on. There are plenty of things to search for on each busy spread.

Titles Castle ♦ Building Site ♦ Dinosaurs ♦ Pirate Ship
SPEC: 300 x 234 mm, 16pp, 500 words approx., 350 gsm.

LETTERS HOME

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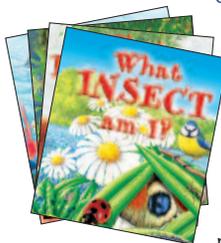


A huge magic envelope whisks Charlie and Max away on two night-time adventures: to a pirate ship and a castle. From there, they send letters back to their family and friends. These letters are featured on the pages so that we can read them, too. Beautifully illustrated, informative, enchanting...

SPEC: 210 x 210 mm, 24pp, 150 gsm, 2500 words approx.

WHAT AM I?

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Look through the hole or cutaway corner of each page. Can you see an eye, or a leg, or the tip of a tail? What do you think it is? Now turn the page to reveal the whole animal. Were you right? You may be surprised!

Titles Animal ♦ Dinosaur ♦ Ocean Creature ♦ Insect
SPEC: 230 x 200 mm, 32pp self ends, 210 gsm with die-cut hole in each page, 500 words approx.

MY FIRST ENCYCLOPEDIA

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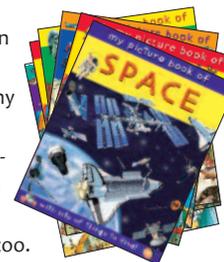
Ten busy scenes with hundreds of things (and many funny incidents) to explore. Simple text and captions identify and explain everything on view. A great first reference suitable for the youngest readers.

4 titles Busy Places ♦ History ♦ Nature ♦ Machines
SPEC: 290 x 240 mm, 32pp, 1200 words approx.;
single volume of 96 pp also available

MY PICTURE BOOK OF...

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In this set, the superbly detailed illustrations contain hundreds of things to discover, including many funny incidents. With the help of a few lines of text and a search-and-find feature, children will learn about many interesting things—and have great fun, too.

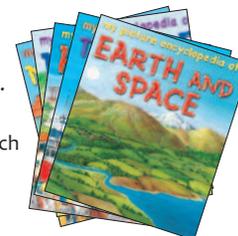


10 titles History ♦ Nature ♦ Machines and Transport
Busy Places ♦ Space ♦ Ocean life ♦ Dinosaurs
Pirate ship ♦ Ancient Rome ♦ Ancient Egypt

MY PICTURE ENCYCLOPEDIA

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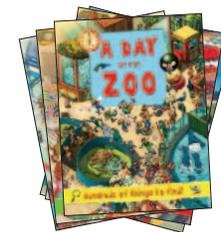
Each topic in this Encyclopedia is given a large-format illustration. Alongside are a set of clearly written entries, each accompanied by its own thumbnail illustration.



6 titles Earth and Space
The World About Us ♦ History ♦ Nature ♦ My World
SPEC: 280 x 235 mm, 32pp, 5000 words approx.;
single volume of 144 pp also available

A DAY AT THE ... A YEAR ON A ...

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Spend a day or a year in an exciting place watching events unfold. A sequence of eight extremely busy scenes with accompanying text tells the story. A clock or calendar shows how time passes from one scene to the next, while a search-and-find feature keeps the reader on the lookout.

Day titles

Airport
Football Stadium
Railway Station
City
Zoo

Year titles

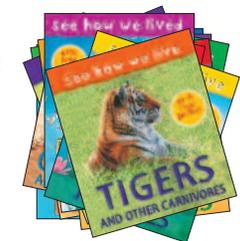
Building Site
Farm
Dinosaurs
Castle
Pirate Ship

SPEC: 290 x 215 mm, 24pp, 800 words approx.

SEE HOW WE LIVE

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Read about how animals lead their lives—in their own words! Charmingly written and beautifully illustrated, each one of these 20 picture books is a great read: both entertaining and informative.



20 titles

Whales and Dolphins
Elephants and other Plant-eaters
Crocodiles and other Reptiles
Ants and other Mini-beasts
Penguins and other Polar Animals
Desert Animals
Butterflies and Moths
Monkeys and Apes
River Animals
Spiders and Scorpions

Night Animals
Birds
Tigers and other Carnivores
Sharks and Rays
Ocean Creatures

Prehistoric animal titles:

The First Living Things
Plant-eating Dinosaurs
T. Rex and other Flesh-eaters
Prehistoric Reptiles
Prehistoric Mammals and Birds

SPEC: 175 x 150 mm, 32pp self ends, 1500 words approx.

GLOW-IN-THE-DARK

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Low-in-the-dark effects on both illustrations and text offer children the enticing opportunity to read these books after lights out. Now they can identify the constellations and weird ocean creatures from underneath the bed covers!

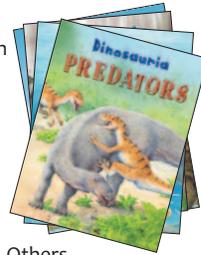


SPEC: 280 x 230 mm, 32pp self ends, alternate spreads have glow-in-the-dark inks, 2300 words approx.

DINOSAURIA

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Each book contains a wealth of information about the dinosaurs and their relatives, along with hundreds of fabulous illustrations. Many spreads cover a wide range of individual dinosaurs, pterosaurs and marine reptiles. Others feature maps and descriptions of life in different regions of the world during prehistoric times. Also available with text at a higher reading level (9+).



Titles Predators ♦ Plant-eaters
The Rise of the Reptiles ♦ The Age of the Giants

SPEC: 270 x 210 mm, 32pp, index, 6000 words approx.

A DAY IN THE LIFE

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Follow the adventures of a pirate, a knight, a pharaoh and a Native American on one of the busiest days of their lives! Reading these superbly illustrated stories will give you great insight into each character's time in history.

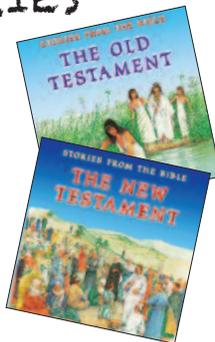
Titles Knight ♦ Pharaoh ♦ Native American ♦ Pirate

SPEC: 235 x 220 mm, 32pp, glossary, quizzes and index, 3000 words approx.

BIBLE STORIES

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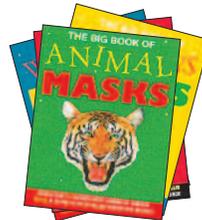
Beautifully illustrated by Artist Nicki Palin, these books make lovely gifts for children. All the best-known stories are here, retold in clear, engaging prose—ideal for reading aloud at storytime or for young readers on their own.



SPEC: 235 x 220 mm, 32pp separate ends, 150 gsm, 3000 words approx., index

MASKS

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Six fantastic masks in each book to try on. Simply press out the masks, then fit a length of elastic. Extra pages with illustrations and info tell you more about each subject.

Titles Animals ♦ Warrior ♦ Horror ♦ Villains

SPEC: 315 x 240 mm, 24pp paperback, 260 gsm, gatefolds containing press-out pieces, 3000 words approx.

MOBILES

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Each book contains two mobiles, ready to press out from the page and put together from the instructions provided. The rest of the pages are brimming with pictures and information.



Titles Space ♦ Dinosaurs
Ocean Life ♦ Creepy Crawlies

SPEC: 315 x 240 mm, 24pp paperback, 260 gsm, gatefolds containing press-out pieces, 3000 words approx.

THE STORY OF ...

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Each title features a stunning visual sequence in which the same viewpoint is held over time—sometimes minutes or hours, sometimes thousands of years—while the events unfold dramatically before our eyes. History is brought to life as never before. You can follow the story of a castle, the life of a dinosaur, a famous volcanic eruption, the events during an earthquake — and more.



12 titles

Mission to Mars	Wild West	City
First Humans	Shipwreck	Castle
Earthquake	Volcano	Pyramid
Lost City of the Maya	Transport	Dinosaur

SPEC: 280 x 230 mm, 32pp, reference spread, glossary and index, 3000 words approx.

THE TIME KEY

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On turning a key—the magic Time Key—in a secret door, two children are transported back in time. Through reading their own accounts of their thrilling adventures, you find out what it was like to live in the fascinating historical worlds they visited. Special spreads interspersed throughout each book give you a great deal of useful background information as well.



6 titles

Dinosaur Trek	Pirate Voyage
Egyptian Quest	Castle Adventure
Viking Peril	Roman Challenge

SPEC: 230 x 190 mm, 48pp, reference spreads, glossary, 6000 words approx.

THE NATURE YEAR

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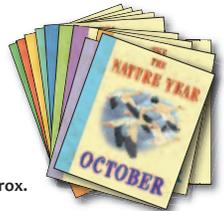
Explore the changing face of nature through the year in this beautiful, interactive book—perfect for young nature-lovers fascinated by wildlife on our fragile planet. Following a substantial introduction,

the 12 chapters, one per month, cover a range of amazing wildlife stories from all over the world. Concluding each chapter is a set of fun, seasonal activities.

SPEC: 250 x 190 mm, 120pp, index, 20,000 words approx; optional extra 14 tabbed divider cards

THE NATURE YEAR 12-VOLUME SET

12-volume version: 150 x 175 mm, 32pp paperbacks, 2300 words approx. optional slipcase 2.5 mm boards



INSIDE STORY

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A series that will be of great interest to those who love to discover what's inside things. For each book there are six subjects, each featured on two double page spreads—first an exterior illustration, then an interior one. So for example, the reader sees a complete galleon on the “outside” spread—main deck, rigging, sails and all. Then, on the “inside” spread, the lower decks, cannon, crew's quarters and stores are all revealed. Absorbing detail, and lots of funny events going on, too. Numerous panels provide much extra information.



8 titles

Dinosaur	Earth
Nature	Rome
Castle	Transport
Pirate Ship	Ancient Egypt

SPEC: 300 x 234 mm, 32pp, 5000 words approx.

NEVERENDING STORY

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Ever wanted a good story never to end? Here are four very different ones which go on and on ... and on! A farmer's year comes round again and again; a castle gets built, besieged, destroyed, and built once more; some pirates repeatedly attack a ship and are put ashore; dinosaurs are born, live and die. Fascinating, funny and informative with amazing, detailed illustrations.

SPEC: 300 x 234 mm, 24pp, 1200 words approx.

Also available as a two-metre-long foldout



Foldout version: 300 x 2106 mm (folded down to 300 x 234 mm), 350 gsm, inserted into slipcase 400 gsm, 1200 words approx.

TIME DETECTIVES

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With a figure from the past as their guide, two children travel back in time to solve the mystery behind a certain object they come across in a museum. Eventually arriving back in their guide's own time, the children are surprised to discover that they themselves have an important part to play in the solution to the mystery...

Titles Inca Gold ♦ Pirate Flag

SPEC: 269 x 216 mm, 32pp, 3000 words approx.;

WHAT MAKES IT GO?

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These books are perfect for any child who wants to know how a car works or how a plane flies. Easy-to-follow text and attractive illustrations take us through the workings of an internal combustion engine, a pilot's controls, and much else.

SPEC: 215 x 248 mm, 32pp, glossary, 2000 words approx.



PANORAMAS

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Each of these books features two double gatefolds with amazing panoramic illustrations. Marvel at the story of evolution, the giants of the oceans, the insides of the human body, life in the rainforest, the Solar System ... and much more.

8 titles

Aircraft	Rainforest
Space	Dinosaur
Earth	Human Body
Record Breakers	Ocean Life

SPEC: 265 x 265 mm, 24pp self ends, 200 gsm, two double gatefolds each 1000 mm wide, glossary, 3000 words approx.



ZOOM!

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Explore worlds within worlds on these four amazing journeys. Using your viewfinder, zoom in from the extremely large to the incredibly tiny in eight or nine giant steps.

Titles Dinosaurs ♦ Space ♦ Human Body ♦ Nature

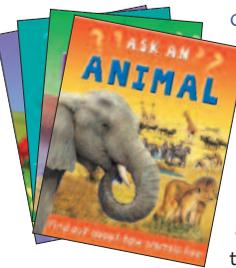
SPEC: 235 x 220 mm, 24pp, index, 2000 words approx.



ASK

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Have you ever wondered what an animal would say if you could ask it a question? In this appealing new take on the popular questions-and-answers format, the animals themselves give their replies!



Titles Animal ♦ Dinosaur ♦ Shark ♦ Bug

SPEC: 280 x 230 mm, 32pp, index, 5000 words approx.; single volume of 120pp also available

CHALLENGE

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Your challenges: besiege a castle; conquer Europe for Rome; sail around the world in the 16th century; hunt a woolly mammoth in the Ice Age. Each book is your guide to how to make your tools or weapons, organize your team and plan your strategy.

Titles Castle ♦ Roman ♦ Sea Voyage ♦ Stone Age

SPEC: 290 x 226 mm, 32pp, index, 3000 words approx.



LET'S LOOK INSIDE

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Four great cutaway scenes in each book feature the interiors of ships or buildings in fascinating detail. So many figures, objects and funny incidents to pore over! The information spreads that follow provide in-depth historical background.

Titles Castle ♦ Street Through Time ♦ Ancient Rome ♦ Pirate Ship

SPEC: 280 x 215 mm, 32pp, 150 gsm, glossary and index, 3500 words approx.



AN EXPLORERS GUIDE

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Imagine you are on a journey through space, voyaging across the oceans or exploring the animal kingdom. You'll need this set of books to guide you on your adventures. Text, detailed illustrations and maps combine to provide in-depth

information on everything you'll need to know. There are also timelines and "Did you know?" features.

5 Titles

Dinosaur ♦ Space ♦ Exploration ♦ Animal ♦ Oceans

SPEC: 269 x 216 mm (also 330 x 265 mm), 32pp, index.

THE KNOWLEDGE

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Imagine you have a major project that needs to be undertaken. This project will involve a plan, a team and equipment. How do you acquire the necessary know-how to complete such a complex task successfully? You need something to guide you through the project, step-by-step. You need ... *The Knowledge*.



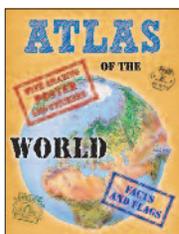
6 titles Pyramid Construction Project ♦ Mission to Mars ♦ Voyage of a Galleon ♦ Discovering the Dinosaurs ♦ How to Build a Castle ♦ Roman Conquest

SPEC: 288 x 201 mm, 48pp, 150 gsm, glossary and index, 5000 words approx.

WORLD ATLAS

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In this expertly-designed atlas, the 20 superb maps are painted as bird's-eye views of the landscape of each region. They are accompanied by flags and many lovely illustrations. There is also a comprehensive reference section with facts and figures for every nation in the world.

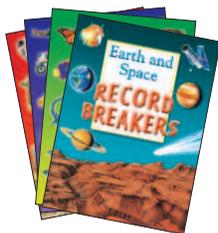


SPEC: ages 6+, 300 x 241 mm, 48pp, 150 gsm; 11,000 words approx.

RECORD BREAKERS

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Which is the brightest star? How high is the world's tallest building? Which animal has the largest brain? How fast could the fastest jet aircraft fly? Find out about these and hundreds of other record breakers in this lavishly illustrated, up-to-date series.



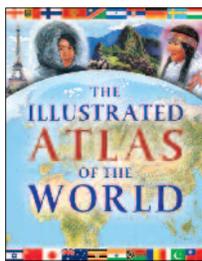
Titles Earth and Space ♦ Living World ♦ Super Machines ♦ Historic Marvels

SPEC: 302 x 230 mm, 48pp self ends, 150 gsm, index, 11,000 words approx.

ILLUSTRATED ATLAS

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A superb atlas with top-quality maps and illustrations. The maps are painted in a unique style, featuring the landscape as it might look from the air. There is also a detailed text, with facts and flags.



SPEC: ages 8+, 360 x 281 mm, 80pp, 44 maps, over 200 illustrations, 12,000 words approx.

AMAZING COMPARISONS

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Did you know that there is a kind of wasp smaller than a grain of rice? This book makes comparisons between the sizes and speeds of things. From pollen grain to planet, from snail to spaceship, follow the comparisons throughout.

Titles

- ♦ How Big are they?
- ♦ How Tall are they?
- ♦ How Fast are they?
- ♦ How Long are they?

SPEC: 300 x 234 mm, 32pp self ends, 3,000 words approx., index



INCREDIBLE JOURNEYS

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Ever imagined what it would be like to shrink down to microscopic scale and travel through the organs of the human body, or discover firsthand what it's like to be the size of an atom? Do you sometimes wonder what it might be like to visit each of the planets, tunnel down to the centre of our own planet, Earth, or explore what mysterious creatures live in the oceans? Maybe you fancy being a time traveller, and visit Tutankhamun's Egypt, whizz back millions of years to observe the dinosaurs, or even rewind to the beginning of time itself? If so, this series of eight books is for you! Each takes you on an incredible journey, brilliantly depicted in stunning illustrations and easy-to-follow words.

Titles Space ♦ Ocean ♦ Earth ♦ Time ♦ Ancient Egypt ♦ The Human Body ♦ The Universe

SPEC: 280 x 215 mm, 32pp, 150 gsm, glossary and index, 3500 words approx.



ILLUSTRATED ENCYCLOPEDIA

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8-volume version (64pp per title) also available

A brand new reference set covering a comprehensive range of topics—perfect for use in the home or at school. Every title includes 12 major headwords (one per spread) followed by 15–30 alphabetically listed entries, each clearly described and explained in a few sentences. Included on every spread is a factfile or timeline, plus a range of superb illustrations positioned independently of the entries.

16 titles

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| Our World | Science |
| World Nations | Space |
| Technology | Earth |
| Transport | Nature |
| Ancient Worlds | Oceans |
| World History | Biology |
| Animals | Human Body |
| Mini-beasts | Prehistoric Life |



SPEC: ages 10+, 300 x 234 mm, 32pp, index, 12,000 words approx.

FIRST LIBRARY OF KNOWLEDGE

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A comprehensive reference set aimed at younger readers, the First Library is ideal for both home or school use. Superbly detailed illustrations, simple layouts and easy-to-follow text and captions.

12 titles Stars and Planets ♦ Science ♦ Dinosaurs ♦ Animals Earth ♦ The Living World ♦ Mini-Beasts ♦ Living in the Past How Things Work ♦ Our World ♦ Ocean Life ♦ Ancient Worlds

SPEC: ages 6+, 290 x 226 mm, 32pp, 5000 words

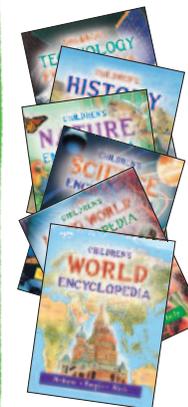


CHILDREN'S ENCYCLOPEDIA

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A thematic encyclopedia, comprehensive in its scope, presented in six volumes. On every spread, the beautiful, detailed illustrations are accompanied by clear, explanatory text, captions and special-interest panels.

6 titles World, Technology, Living World, History, Nature, Science



SPEC: ages 7+, 300 x 234 mm, 32pp, glossary and index.

CHILDREN'S ILLUSTRATED LIBRARY

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An authoritative, beautifully designed and illustrated library of knowledge for children. The subjects, covering all the sciences, nature, world history and geography, are organized by theme with glossaries and full indexes for easy access.



20 titles

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| Stars and Planets | The Natural World |
| Ocean Life | The World of Science |
| Planet Earth | Atlas of the World |
| Prehistoric Life | World Nations |
| The World of Technology | Peoples of the World |
| The Story of Transport | The World Economy |
| The Science of Life | The Ancient World |
| The Human Body | Ancient Empire |
| Animals (1) | The Middle Ages |
| Animals (2) | Modern History |

SPEC: ages 9+, 273 x 195 mm, 32pp, glossary, timeline and index, 9000 words approx.



Bind-up versions available:
64pp (10 volumes, pictured left)
128pp (5 volumes)
608pp (single volume)

CHILDREN'S SCIENCE ENCYCLOPEDIA

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A comprehensive set of encyclopedias covering the entire sciences, including: physics, chemistry, biology, astronomy, physiology, genetics, medicine, zoology, botany, ecology, palaeontology, geology, meteorology, electronics and technology. Every volume is full of illustrations, photos and diagrams as well as authoritative, easy-to-follow text.

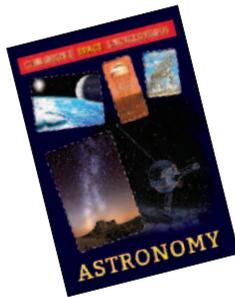
SPEC: 32pp, 175 x 250 mm, glossary, 5000 words approx, 8-12 years

SCIENCE 10 volumes

Matter
Chemical reactions
Elements
Materials
Energy
Light
Electricity and magnetism
Forces
Mathematics
Great Scientists

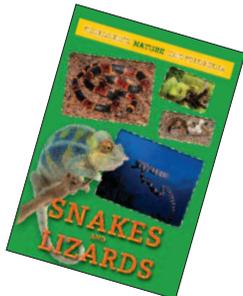
SPACE 5 volumes

Astronomy
Inner planets
Outer planets
Solar System
Universe



NATURE 30 volumes

Life
Micro-organisms
Plants
Animals
Insects
Ants, bees and wasps
Land invertebrates
Spiders
Marine invertebrates
Molluscs
Birds
Sea birds
Birds of prey
Fish
Sharks
Mammals
Cats
Carnivores
Ungulates
Insect eaters
Whales and dolphins
Primates
Ecology
Hot environments
Cold environments
Ocean life
Polar waters
Amphibians
Reptiles
Snakes and lizards

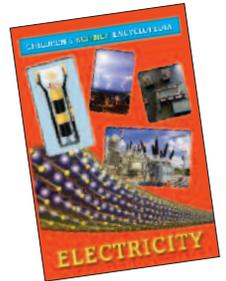


HUMAN BODY 4 volumes

How the body works
Brain and senses
Genes and DNA
Medicine

TECHNOLOGY 12 volumes

Famous inventors
Construction
Electrical power
Electronics
Media and communications
Microscopes and telescopes
Photography
Trains
Road transport
Ships and boats
Aircraft
Space transport



EARTH 10 volumes

Earthquakes
Erosion
Folds and faults
Oceans
Planet Earth
Rocks
Story of the Earth
Volcanoes
Weather
Climate

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Age of Dinosaurs: Triassic and Jurassic
Age of Dinosaurs: Cretaceous
Sauropods
Theropods
Ornithopods
Armoured dinosaurs
Dinosaurs
How dinosaurs lived
Defence and attack
Marine reptiles
Pterosaurs
Age of mammals
Origin of humans
Homo sapiens

