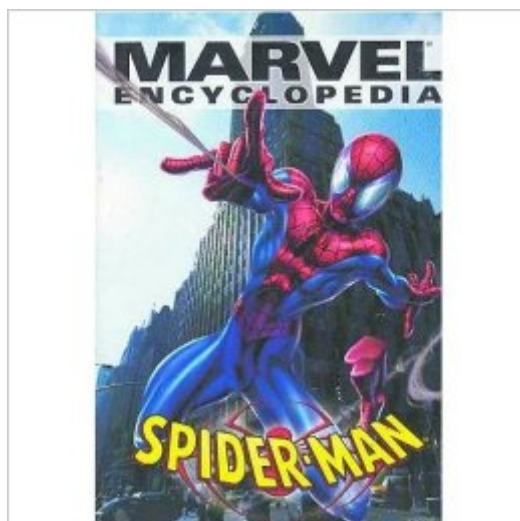


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Customer Reviews

It's a shame, but I have decided to only give this book 4 out of 5 stars. It's not a bad book by any means. In fact, considering what we could have gotten, it's an 'amazing' book. So I still recommend it for new or veteran spider-fans, however reading the rest of this review will reveal with a star was dropped. The bulk of the book is made up of a comprehensive encyclopedia, which covers most of the people, places and objects linked to Spider-Man over the past 40 years or so (It seems to end around 2002-2003ish). These are presented in a clear and readable style in alphabetical order with other entries clearly marked. I cannot fault the design of this section, like the Fantastic Four Encyclopedia, it is instantly searchable, readable and colourful. What I can fault however, is the content. No, it's not a disaster. Far from it. But the page count requirements have obviously taken their toll on the length of a large percentage of the entries. The Fantastic Four book more or less got away with its page count as for the most part it only has one comic to cover (but that volume does cover the Human Torch's time in Strange Tales, the Thing's in Marvel Two-In-One and Fantastic

Force as well as numerous one-shots and mini-series). But compare that to Spider-Man who has had over his 40 year history and average of 3 or 4 titles a month published, in addition to various one-shots and specials. Simply put, although Kit Kiefer does miracles with his brief, it's not enough. The main encyclopedia has an addendum which lists entries which have smaller, more tenuous links to Spider-Man, with smaller entries and no pictures. This is a welcome addition.

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