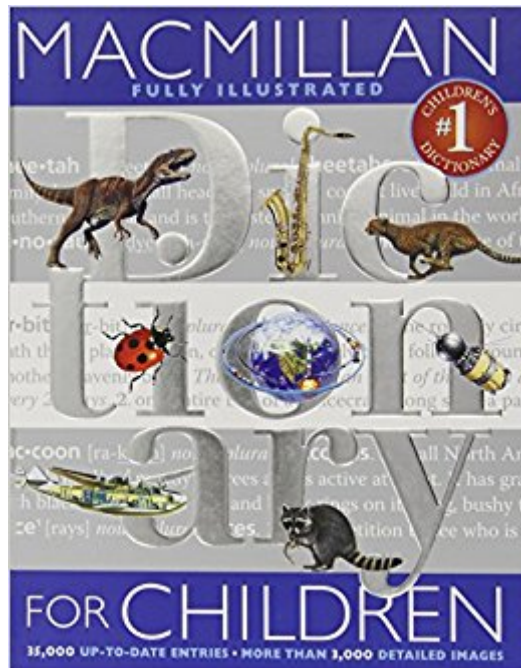


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Book Information

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Grade Level: 3 - 6

Customer Reviews

We needed a dictionary for our child to use in grade school, something easier to read than the college-level books we had on hand, but more sophisticated than the typical baby-book, beginner dictionaries out there. This book met our expectations, and exceeded them. (Note, I'm reviewing the 2007 edition. Some of the reviews here go back years!) Another reviewer has aptly noted the book's appropriateness for Grades 2 through 4, which sounds about right, for a starting point at least. I wouldn't think it useful (as a reference book) before that age, due to the reading level of the book's explanations. Most kids before that age just won't be able to read it. I'm sure many kids will like the pictures at earlier ages. Even a good reader may ask for help now and then. But if the parent is doing *all* the reading, the book loses some of its value as a reference source that the child can learn to use independently. Independent research is one of the skills that many schools are trying to teach to this age range in literacy classes, which is why they assign kids to look up words on their own -- and why this book is so valuable to have at home. With 35,000 entries, it takes on many

words that deal with complex ideas -- but it does a pretty good of translating those complexities into terms that kids can comprehend. When necessary, it does this by using pictures, and to great effect. For example, the word "contrast" is not only explained in text, but is also illustrated by showing a Great Dane next to a Chihuahua, with an explanatory caption. The numerous illustrations in this book are used for many purposes, and they are very well-done. For clarity, the editors do not include the complex etymologies that an adult volume might offer for every single word.

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