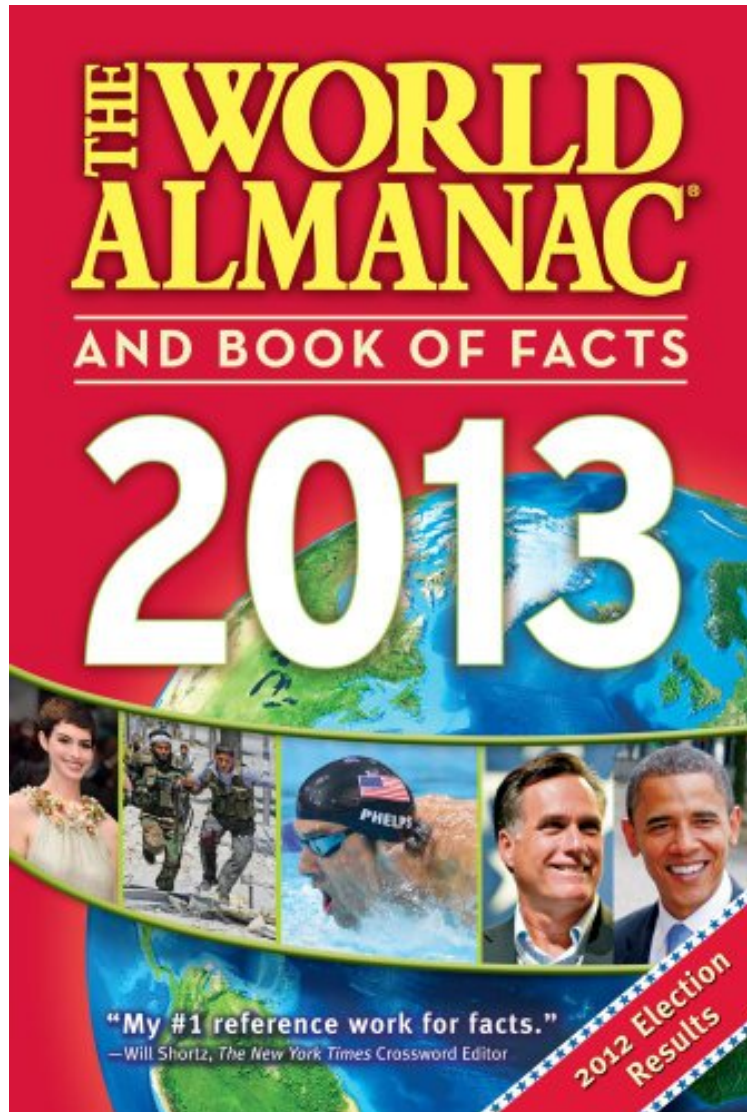


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nothing like personally owning and browsing through a single, authoritative, well-organized, tangible compendium of essential information about our world. It is easy to get lost in all the information on the Internet, but browsing through the "World Almanac" can be an enjoyable, educational, linear-path "guided tour" through much of the most important and relevant information about many aspects of the world. The "New York Times" and "Time with Information Please" almanacs have ceased publication in recent years, so it is good that the "World Almanac" is still going strong. Its only major remaining competitor is the "Time Powered by Britannica". The "World Almanac" is clearly the better of the two, as it has color photo plates for the year in review, is more up-to-date, is 144 pages longer, and, most importantly, makes much better use of space. For example, "Time's" listings of the nations of the world covers 297 pages, while the "World Almanac's" covers only 107, even though the "World's" is arguably more comprehensive. Similarly, both have essentially the same coverage of Olympics, but the "Time" takes 68 pages to do it while the "World Almanac" takes 25. Thus, there is much more total information in the "World Almanac." Nevertheless, there are some good things in the "Time" not in the "World" (such as more detailed information about state governments; listings of Fields Medal, National Medal of Science, and National Medal of Arts winners; tables of nutritional values of foods; and listings of great symphonies and opera companies of the world along with their directors), so, if you like almanacs, I would still recommend getting both. (Also see the "Sports Illustrated Almanac" if you are most interested in sports coverage.) Despite being named the "World Almanac", it is clearly geared for a U.S. audience. Nevertheless, it does have strong international coverage, and roughly half the almanac would be of equal interest to Americans and non-Americans (i.e., sections such as Science and Technology, World History and Culture [World History, Historical Figures, Exploration and Geography, Religion, Language], Nations of the World, and significant portions of the Economics, Personalities, Year in Review, Buildings Bridges and Structures, and Sports sections [including tables of past winners of major European soccer domestic leagues and Champions League]). Some highlights of this year's edition, aside from all the typical annual updates, for those familiar with previous editions: \* Outstanding coverage of the 2012 election, including Presidential election returns from every county \* A completely reorganized "100 Most Populous Cities" (of the U.S.) section, with much more relevant statistics than in previous editions \* Full coverage of the 2012 Olympics \* Includes news coverage through the beginning of November 2012, including Hurricane Sandy \* A new "Words and Expressions in Common Languages" table in the "Language" section that is a good replacement for the former "Names of the Days" table \* "Major Actions of Congress" and the return of "Leadership of Selected Congressional Committees" A few things that were removed this year: \* To make room for more Olympics coverage, coverage of some other sports was cut a little, including the listings of college basketball conference standings and historical results of all college football bowl games except the Rose, Sugar, and Orange \* The "Road Mileage Between Selected U.S. Cities" table \* The "Gods and Goddesses in Egyptian, Norse, and Classical Mythology" table \* The threshold for inclusion in the listings of "Tall Buildings in Selected North American Cities" was increased from 400 to 500 feet Overall, this is an outstanding, up-to-date reference work that is a terrific value at this price. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. 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