

PLANET EARTH

This book introduces readers to the world's major biome, or habitat, types. With its highly visual approach and depiction of natural wonders, from deserts to tundra to rain forests, *Planet Earth* explores the differences among biomes, where they occur, what the climate is like, and the types of plants and animals that live in each. Detailed maps

feature especially famous or ecologically rich examples of a biome, from the Sahara to the Himalayan heights.

- *Stunning, full-colour photographs illustrate each stage of the journey.*
- *Specially commissioned maps highlight key examples of the different biomes.*
- *Side panels, factfiles and a comprehensive index make for quick and easy reference.*

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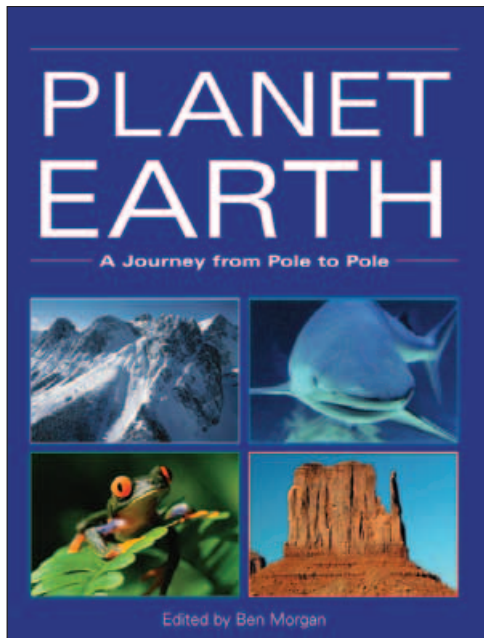
384 pp., 95,000 words

Hardback and paperback

More than 400 photographs and maps,

including 20 detailed feature maps

Glossary, index



POCKET FACTFILES

These convenient, pocket-sized guides are bursting with facts and colour. Although small, they retain rigorous standards of accuracy and research and are all written by acknowledged experts. The careful selection of species – each one featured over two pages – ensures that all of the main types of birds, mammals and even dinosaurs are represented.



- *Colour-coded pages make it easy to find a particular animal group.*
- *Detailed distribution maps and full-colour illustrations or photographs are given for every species.*

Books in the series:

Mammals ● Endangered Animals

● Birds ● Dinosaurs



150 x 100 mm (6 x 4 in)

256 pp., 25,000 words

Hardback and paperback

Up to 150 illustrations or photographs

120 species distribution maps (except

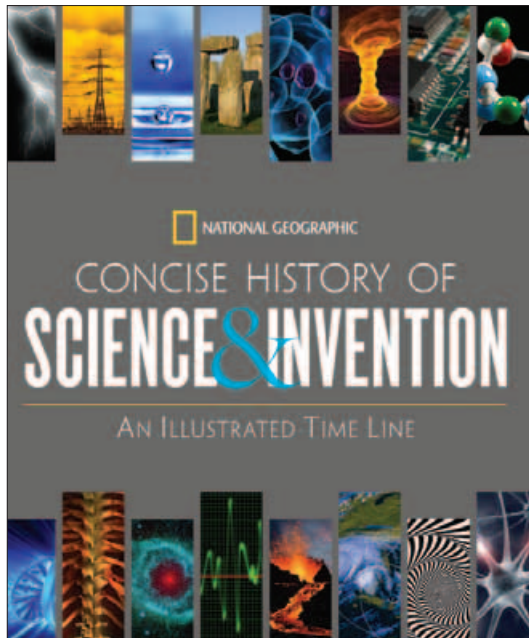
Dinosaurs volume, which has

comparative size diagrams)

Glossary, index

CONCISE HISTORY OF SCIENCE AND INVENTION

This illustrated time line presents a dazzling history of human ingenuity in a format that combines brief facts that are ideal for browsing with authoritative reference information about broad areas of scientific endeavour. Time lines that show parallel developments in different branches of science in different parts of the world are interspersed with detailed feature essays.

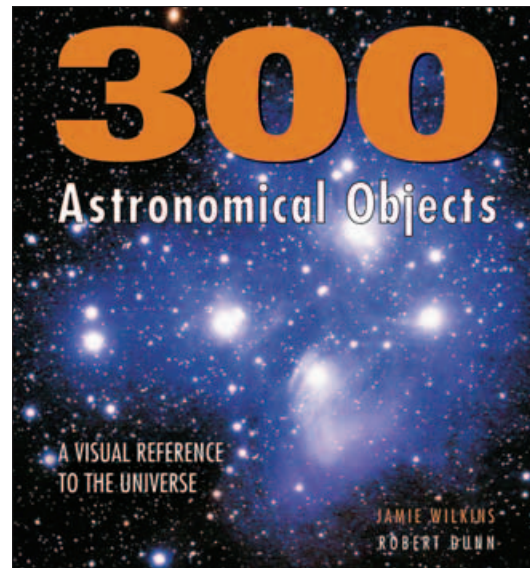


- Hundreds of illustrated time lines about all fields of scientific and technological advance.
- Boxes and text panels give more detailed information about significant individuals or scientific breakthroughs.
- World at a Glance spreads provide concise overviews of historical periods.
- Fully illustrated with revealing photographs and artworks.

232 x 276 mm (9¼ x 10¾ in)
 356 pp.; c. 175,000 words
 370 photographs
 Further reading, index

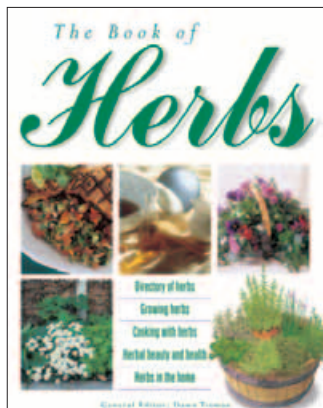
300 ASTRONOMICAL OBJECTS

Whether you are a keen amateur astronomer or simply interested in the night sky, this compact guide will prove both fascinating and informative. Written by astronomy experts, 300 astonishing astronomical images – stars, galaxies, nebulae, planets, moons, asteroids, meteors, comets, novae, supernovae, pulsars and quasars – are discussed in detail. The pictures, most of them full-page or larger, have been chosen for their spectacular visual impact.



- Features the latest photographs, many in full colour, of stars, planets, nebulae, moons, comets and much more.
- Profiles of space probes, telescopes and the main observatories included.

General editors Jamie Wilkins and Robert Dunn
 160 x 150 mm (6¼ x 5¾ in)
 528 pp., 120,000 words
 Over 300 photographs
 Glossary, index



THE BOOK OF HERBS

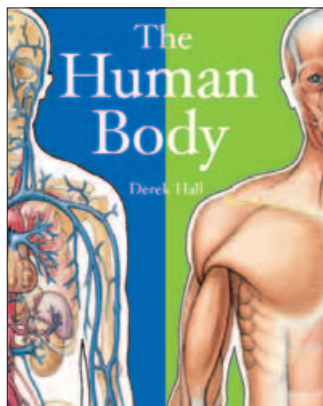
Whether you want to grow your own herbs, cook with them or use them for health and beauty, the simple step-by-step instructions given in this guide will tell you how. Delicious recipes, together with methods for making cosmetic and medicinal herbal preparations are included.

279 x 216 mm (11 x 8½ in)

304 pp., 50,000 words

Over 700 photographs and illustrations

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THE HUMAN BODY

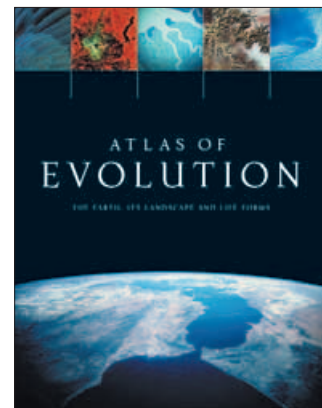
This book is the ideal introduction to how the human body works, from the intricacies of the brain to the circulatory and other body systems, and the fascinating worlds of cell biology and genetics. Illustrated with detailed artworks and photographs, *The Human Body* is an invaluable reference.

240 x 189 mm (9½ x 7½ in)

224 pp., 33,000 words

250 photographs, artworks and diagrams

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ATLAS OF EVOLUTION

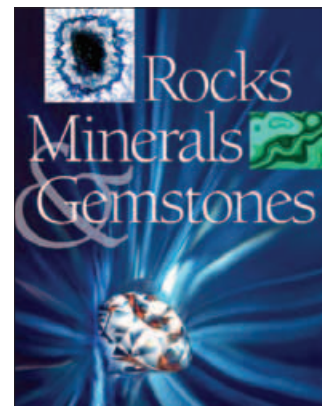
The story of the Earth, from the formation of the planet to the present time, is presented in this comprehensive guide to geological and biological evolution. Timelines help to highlight the different strands of Earth's fascinating history.

299 x 232 mm (11¼ x 9¼ in)

368 pp., 150,000 words

130 maps, 260 photographs and artworks

Glossary, further reading and useful websites, index



ROCKS, MINERALS & GEMSTONES

Looking in detail at nearly 300 rocks, minerals and gemstones, this colourful book explains how they are used, what they are made from and where they are found. There is also information on gem cutting, astrological links and related myths and legends.

279 x 216 mm (11 x 8½ in)

304 pp., 120,000 words

350 photographs

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