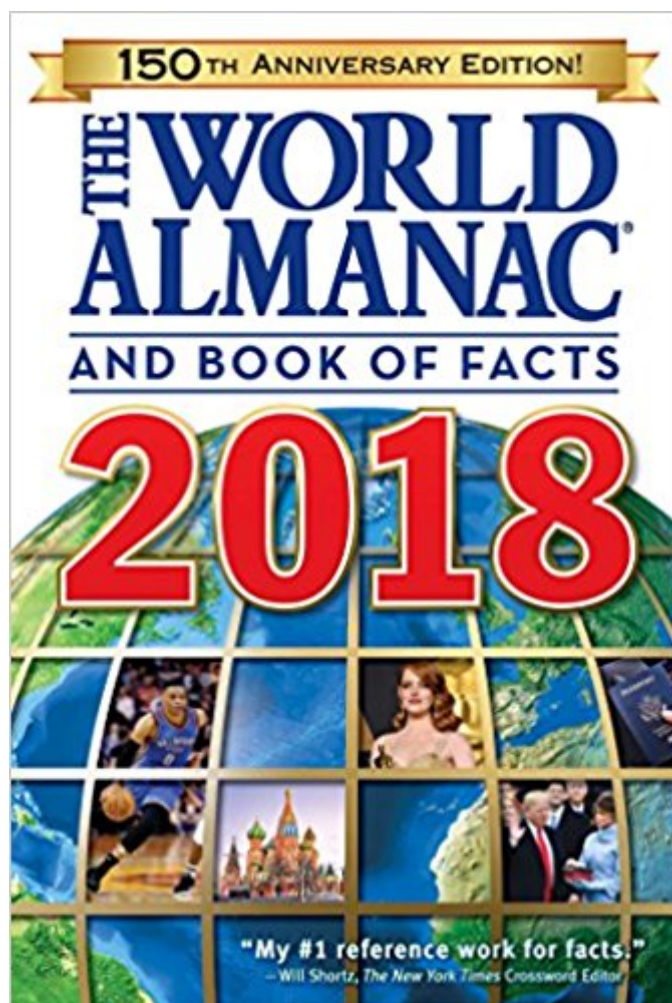


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# The World Almanac And Book Of Facts 2018



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Always look forward to this reference and thought it would make a good addition to my Kindle. I can't recommend that and suggest you stay with the paper version. The Kindle version appears to be screen shots of all too many of the tables and charts making them virtually unreadably small, and changing font size has no effect on these 'pictures'. Very disappointed.

This annual publication is a necessity in our household. It brings all manner of knowledge to one's fingertips. It's hard to write a coherent review of a work that covers so many areas of information. Among subjects covered: 2009 in review; economy, business, and industry; crime; military affairs; health and vital statistics; science and technology; consumer information; U. S. government; U. S. facts, history, and elections; U. S. cities, states, and population; world history and culture; sports. There is also an index at the end. One way of getting a sense of the substance of this reference work is to note data and information taken at random by flipping to different pages throughout the volume. Page 55: consumption expenditures by category from 1990-2008 (categories include motor

vehicles and parts, furniture and office equipment, clothing, health, education services and so on). Page 150: cigarette and alcohol use. Pages 342-343: descriptions of the planets Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune (orbit, atmosphere, satellites, etc.). Page 473: areas administered by the U. S. Park Service; major territorial additions throughout American history (e.g., Louisiana Purchase, Alaska, Guam). Pages 652-653: ancient civilizations, such as Mesopotamia, Egypt, and China). Page 787: description of different countries on earth, such as Haiti and Honduras (with information on population, geography, type of government, monetary unit, transportation, and so on). Page 911: baseball (major accomplishments during 2009, such as Mark Buehrle's perfect game and final standings from the 2009 season). As always, a wonderful source of information. I often find myself going to the latest edition to check out one obscure fact or another.

"The World Almanac" is a great resource. Especially for people who just have to know minutiae such as (I just flipped through pages randomly to get the following): Top 20 reasons people give for visiting the ER (page 135), SAT scores by state (page 403), Hispanic voting power (page 602), names of North American Cardinals (Roman Catholic) (page 715), basic information on countries such as Malta or the Maldives or Mali (page 797), boxing champions by weight class as of October 1, 2007 (page 955). This volume has a long historical record, going back to the last century (according to the introductory comments, it has been published for 140 years). The introductory section also notes that the FBI worries that the Almanac may provide useful information to terrorists, indicating that a book that many would think stodgy has come to exemplify Post 9/11 America. There are a set of sections, each dealing with a set of related subjects, from "Economy, Business, & Energy" to "Crime" to "Military Affairs" and so on to the final section, "Sports." In short, there's something for almost everyone here. The 2008 version does not disappoint, for those who are interested in having a reference such as this. Highly recommended! And, if you're like me, a lot of fun as one randomly peruses the volume to pick up interesting and little known facts.

Totally frustrating experience trying to read this ridiculous excuse for a Kindle edition! The clowns producing and selling us this garbage apparently have no shame in ripping people off, people who might want to actually *\*read\** any of those many many tables and lists so common in an almanac! In fact, this is worse than a simple waste -- it's literally infuriating!! I should have read the other reviews before purchasing this sorry 'piece of work'!! So much of it is just a nasty bait-and-switch con that there really should be laws against allowing this kind of customer rip-off, since normal ethical practices are obviously not even considered by the crooks who stick us with this pile of illegible

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