

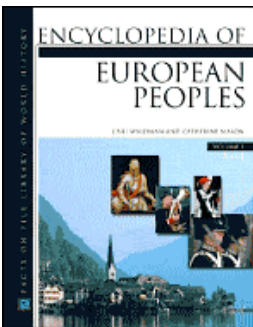
New Book Series April 2007



All Things in the Bible: An Encyclopedia of the Biblical World
2 volumes

By Nancy M. Tischler

These volumes offer a wealth of fascinating information on such aspects of everyday life. Things comprises objects, but also groups, events, animals, titles, and concepts, targeted to a lay audience. Tischler avoids controversy, for example describing two creation stories without mentioning their likely disparate origins. There are a few problems, such as unsupportable assertions (Jesus ...had a commanding presence, but dressed simply in peasant garb), and minor issues with the index and see also references. Gothic script headers are difficult to read. However, black-and-white line drawings are helpful. Bible sources are given for each entry, and Bible references are in the text, with cross-references in bold. A further-reading list follows most entries, and a selected bibliography and an index appear in volume two. An impressive assemblage of data for research papers (*School Library Journal*).

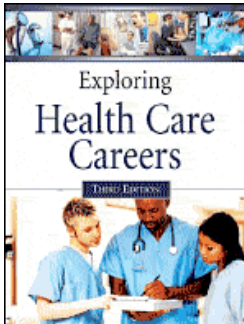


Encyclopedia of European Peoples (Facts on File Library of World History)
2 volumes

By Carl Waldman and Catherine Mason

More than 600 alphabetical entries describe the origins, language, history, and culture of European ethnology. Entries range from Hominids and

Vikings to modern nationalities such as Ukrainians and Spanish. Article length varies; a small Celtic tribe such as the Insubrians has an accessible one-paragraph summary, whereas there is a 25-page entry for the Irish. Lengthier articles are generally accompanied by maps showing invasions, migrations, tribal groupings, or dialect distribution; charts; black-and-white photos; sidebar information; and biographies of relevant figures. For example, The Romans has a time line, a map of the Empire at its greatest extent, and inset biographies of Caesar, Augustus, Hadrian, and others. Cultural information varies, but generally includes arts, religion, economy, and occasionally military practices or clothing. A box showing location, time period, ancestry, and language appears alongside main entries. The text and index are both cross-referenced. The eight appendixes include lists of peoples with alternate names and groupings; European peoples organized by primary ancestral language family, nationalities, and regions; the languages and geography of Europe; the earliest Europeans; a time line; and various groupings of individuals mentioned in the text. A great resource for global-history classes or students looking into European cultural identity (*School Library Journal*).



Exploring Health Care Careers (Third Edition)

2 volumes

Published by Ferguson

These well-organized volumes list more than 100 careers in alphabetically arranged chapters. The range of coverage includes aromatherapists, hospice workers, neurologists, phlebotomists, and urologists. Each chapter opens with an interview with a person working in the field. This is followed by discussions of job tasks, personal qualities needed, educational and licensing requirements, scholarships and grants available, employers, advancement possibilities, salary ranges, and a projected outlook for the field. Sidebars break up the text and present information on recommended skills, words used in the profession, and historical facts and profiles of related people or events. New coverage of alternative and

other careers, and two additional indexes of government career classification systems, update the last edition (2002). Lists of professional organizations and a bibliography of the most comprehensive and recent works available are found at the end of each chapter. Each volume has a table of contents. A total of five indexes including four that use government career classification systems enhance this usable resource. *Exploring Health Careers* (Thomson Delmar Learning, 2005) does not include as much information (*School Library Journal*).



Shaping of America, 1783-1815

4 volumes plus Cumulative Index

Edited by Richard C. Hanes, Kelly Rudd, and Sharon M. Hanes

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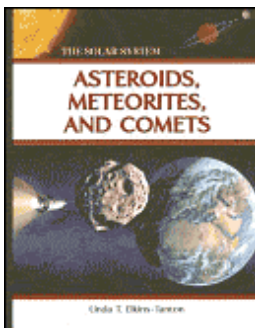
Those familiar with other UXL Reference Library titles will not be disappointed in this new publication chronicling the birth of a new government from the end of the Revolutionary War to the drafting of a new Constitution. A thorough overview is presented in four volumes-- *Almanac*, *Primary Sources*, and *Biographies* (two volumes). *Almanac* consists of 15 chapters examining significant economic, social, and political factors, including the Louisiana Purchase, women's roles, and westward expansion. *Primary Sources* explores six main topics-- "Confederation Years," "Growth of a New Government," "Foreign Relations," "Expansion of the Nation," "Native American Relations," and "Gender and Race." Excerpts from documents, diaries, letters, and speeches supply firsthand accounts. *Biographies*, arranged in alphabetical order, highlights 51 men and women who played key roles in this period of growth, ranging from politicians and religious and educational leaders to activists, inventors, and authors. Some, such as John Marshall, Dolly Madison, and Eli Whitney, are well known; others, such as Prince Hall and Sarah Pierce, are less so.

All volumes contain the same introduction and reader's guide summarizing the period; a time line pinpointing major events; and "Words to Know" defining pertinent terms. "For More Information" concludes each article or chapter with a list of both print and nonprint resources. "Where to Learn More," offering additional books and Web sites, and a volume index close out each volume. (The set's cumulative index is published in a separate paperback, available at no charge.) The Almanac also furnishes a noteworthy resource addition, "Research and Activity Ideas," suggesting 16 creative projects for cross--disciplinary or enrichment activities. Each volume includes sidebars containing interesting information and black-and-white illustrations, photographs, and maps (*Booklist*).

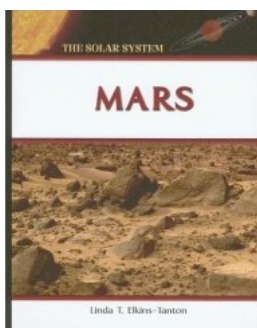
The Solar System

By Linda T. Elkins-Tanton

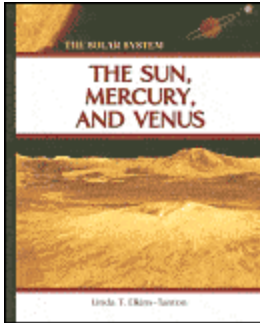
3 volumes



Asteroids, Meteorites, and Comets



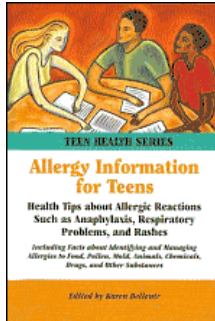
Mars



The Sun, Mercury, and Venus

Designed to support serious academic study, these three volumes (in a six-volume series) offer detail-rich discussions of their respective topics. Each one opens with the same introductory matter, closes with the same set of appendixes, and in between systematically covers basic facts, interior and exterior physical features, and exploratory missions both past and planned. Information is current enough to include, for instance, a mention of the August 12, 2005, launch of the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, but not the November 9th departure of the Venus Express. Though replete with tables, technical details, and mathematical calculations, none of the presentations offers more than a perfunctory assortment of black-and-white photos, supplemented by one small color section per volume. The closing lists of recommended books and Web sites are likewise stingy, but do provide some avenues for keeping current. Consider for assignment use, where circulating materials are needed to back up such reference resources as Paul Weissman's *The Encyclopedia of the Solar System* (Academic, 1998) or Kenneth R. Lang's *The Cambridge Guide to the Solar System* (*School Library Journal*).

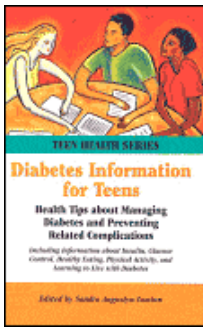
Teen Health Series
2 volumes



Allergy Information for Teens: Health Tips about Allergic Reactions Such as Anaphylaxis, Respiratory Problems, and Rashes, Including Facts about Identifying and Managing Allergies to Food, Pollen, Mold, Animals, Chemicals, Drugs, and Other Substances

Edited by Karen Bellenir

Adolescents suffering from allergies can consult this comprehensive, 51-chapter resource for reliable information about the many kinds of allergic reactions, triggers, symptoms, tests, treatments, and management strategies. Each chapter presents topics in short sections, using a handy question-and-answer format interwoven with many diagrams and sidebars. The volume concludes with lists of 19 additional titles, 10 cookbooks, and 24 articles, many with 2005 publication dates. This authoritative and useful self-help title is a solid addition to YA collections, whether for personal interest or reports (*School Library Journal*).



Diabetes Information for Teens: Health Tips about Managing Diabetes and Preventing Related Complications, Including Information about Insulin, Glucose Control, Healthy Eating, Physical Activity, and Learning to Live with Diabetes

Edited by Sandra Augustyn Lawton

This no-nonsense volume deals with all aspects of the disease, including coping with feelings and relationships, day-to-day living with diabetes, and basic medical facts. The 59 chapters also include information on the condition in various ethnic groups and related health concerns. "It's a Fact" and "Quick Tip" information boxes appear throughout. Students dealing with their own diabetes or that of a friend or family member or those writing reports on the topic will find this a valuable resource (*School Library Journal*).