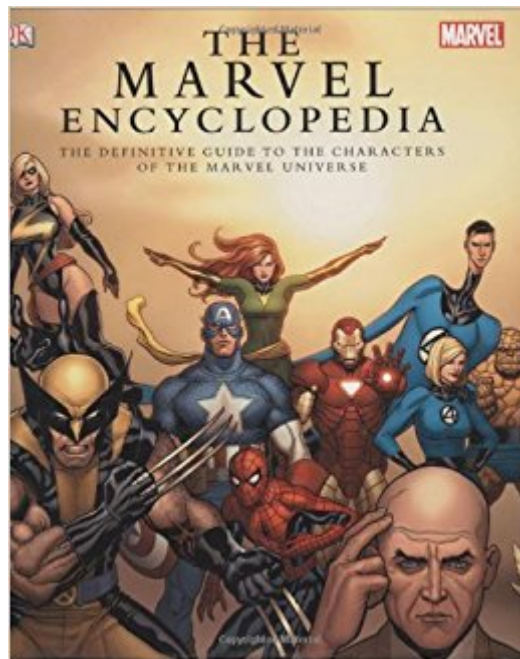




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# The Marvel Encyclopedia: The Definitive Guide To The Characters Of The Marvel Universe



## Synopsis

Marvel Comics' character roster boasts some of the best known and most popular characters ever conceived—heroes that are international household names, both as comic book stars and movie stars, such as Spider-Man, the Hulk and Wolverine. This unique, one-volume encyclopedia contains more than 1000 of Marvel's greatest, with full details of their powers and their thrill-packed careers. The encyclopedia's range of spectacular art features eye-popping work by Marvel's finest artists, while the authoritative text is supplied by a team of top Marvel comic book writers. In addition, double-page features, illustrated with classic covers, trace the fascinating story of Marvel Comics through the decades. The Marvel Comics Encyclopedia is an essential book both for new fans and for those who grew up loving the excitement, heroism and humor of the Marvel Universe. Includes a foreword by Stan Lee.

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Great collection & tons of well-presented info. Artwork pulled from other sources is awesome, but I am not a huge fan of the cover art, which continues in various places throughout the book - some of the characters look a bit wonky & weird. Just my subjective opinion, of course. Overall, it's a great book.

It is a very good book the luxe to clarify some doubts about the origin and filiation and superhero's powers, but not an exhaustive encyclopedia of all the super heroes of that universe, which I was looking for. Good presentation and good resumes and illustrations (although they are drawn by the same author, who excuse me but he is not one of my favorites). A very good book for Marvel lovers, to consult in certain times (do not dare to read it from the A to the Z!)

The Marvel Encyclopedia is a heavy, heavy book rich with tons of information about characters and of course great art for each character. The problem with this book is like everyone says - it has tons of errors, is not always up-to-date, and is missing a lot of key characters (which is strange because there are so many minor characters there). In almost every entry, they'll talk about another character (e.g., for DIRE WRAITHS, they'll talk about ROM), but every time the other character they mention isn't in the book (ROM isn't in the book, of course). We're not talking about a couple of characters -- we're talking tons of major characters. This does get really, really annoying. But the pro is that this book is still a fun read (it may be heavy for a bathroom book, but it works). If you're a comic collector or looking for a gift for a comic collector, this is a must-have, especially at .com's prices (I wouldn't pay the full price for it at Borders or Barnes & Noble). I would get the DC COMICS ENCYCLOPEDIA before this one, because that one was edited much better. Am I annoyed by the extremely sloppy editing and way this book is put together? Yes. Do I regret buying the book? No. It still gets 4-stars for being such a great book chock full of interesting info. It doesn't get that one extra star for being a little bit annoying.

The Marvel Encyclopedia is a fantastic compilation of the characters inhabiting the Marvel universe. It was interesting reading the backgrounds on the wide array of characters as well as where they first appeared (what issue, year, etc.). The more popular characters (Wolverine, Venom, Spiderman, etc.) are usually given one to two pages for their own history and rightly so. There's more of a following and interest in someone like Venom's history as opposed to a lesser known villain that

lasted 3 issues in 1974 (and thus is given a postage stamp-sized blurb). Also, I would have to say the deal on was great. It was \$26 here versus a \$40 price tag I saw at a local chain book store.

I bought this years ago and my nephew was always wanting to read it, but I take care of my things so I bought him his own to do what he pleases with. He loves it.

I got this book for my birthday and I'm really, really glad that I got it. Want to get that out of the way first. As a basic reference source it's excellent as a geeky coffee table book it's pretty much without peer. It's on my desk at work and at least once a day I get into a vigorous debate or pleasant conversation about Marvel and Marveldom. On a personal level, as the only guy in my neighbourhood who collect all of OHOTMUDE (seriously, the comic guy got one copy of each issue and kept it behind the counter for me), it's just a fun read. Unfortunately, while it could have been much more than that, it's really just a fun read. There are numerous typographical errors, about one every two pages or so. Either the origin issue is wrong, a word is badly misspelled or, as is the case with the entry for the Soviet Super Soldiers, the majority of the illustrated heroes are labelled as "Undefined" when even this casual comic book fan can remember most of the names. It just didn't go through a final editing spit-and-polish and it shows. Definitely a book that belongs in the collection of your average comic book geek, but it could have been quite a bit better.

First and foremost: Thanos. He merit's 1/6th of a page? But a charecter like Box get's a full page? I have always considered Thanos to be Marvel's version of Darkseid or rather Darkseid to be DC's version of Thanos. Darkseid justifiably recieved a full page devoted to him. Thanos had to share his page with Thena, 3-d man and Flash Thompson, who got half a page. Huh? I was also perplexed how the Thing, on the next page only merited a single page where as Mr. Fantastic got 2 pages? Ben Grimm is always getting shorted. Speaking of he THing, one of my favorite, if not obscure, issues of Marvel Two In One was his issue (#11) with GOLEM. I understand some charecters would get over looked, but there were so many obscure charecters that did, by the time I got to G, I was a bit dissappointed. Oh Well. Very good, if not perfect reference source. You will get a large portion of your questions answered with this book though.

I'm a big fan of the DC one. So when I saw that DK was putting a Marvel one together, I was looking forward to it. Well, it delivers for the most part. In my opinion, I think they left out too many characters. The DC one was more thorough. But all the impotant characters are in it. The art work is

straight out of the comics. Everything is formatted very nicely, and it's also better than any of the Marvel encyclopedias before it. For the price you can get it for on , it's a no-brainer!

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