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Bruce Fogle : The New Encyclopedia of the Cat before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The New Encyclopedia of the Cat:

27 of 27 people found the following review helpful. Comprehensive and easy to reference, plus it's lovely! By A. Ryan
The New Encyclopedia of the Cat should come with a warning for readers who might be susceptible to falling for the charms of cats. I wasn't able to help myself; after reading it for about one hour, I was having visions of collecting a perfect specimen of each breed that caught my eye...but I only have room for two felines in my humble abode. Crashing back down to reality was a bit heartbreaking. This does start out with a large section that does indeed resemble a real encyclopedia. There is info on the history of cats, pics of ancient paintings and artifacts, etc., followed by sections on practical cat care and current issues such as indoor vs. outdoor. All very valuable and thorough. But that's not really why we're buying this book, now is it? This book is lavish with cat photos. We're talking lots and lots of pictures of every imaginable cat breed, full body shots that have been cut away from their distracting backgrounds and set upon a field of pure white so that the reader can appreciate their forms and finer points. Don't think it's just a boring text book, however; everything is laid out with graphic finesse, to be visually interesting and attractive as you digest the tidbits of information that have been artfully placed throughout each breed spread. You just can't make a better choice if you're looking for a gift for a cat lover or perhaps doing research into your own future pet possibilities. What I loved best about TNEotC was the "snapshot" of breed profiles on each spread. You can look up Abyssinian for instance and see a little 2x3 box insert: Date of origin: 1860s Place of origin: Ethiopia Ancestry: Ethiopian household and street cats Outcross breeds: none Other name: Color names vary internationally Weight range: 9-17 lbs Temperment: attention-demanding Breed Colors: etc, etc, (with tiny sample coat color insets. But of course full

photos of all acceptable variations are also pictured on the larger spread.) There are even symbols that will tell you how much grooming is required, how vocal the cat is, and how sociable it is. You can get a very quick idea of a cat's likely disposition, maintenance, etc. from this very handy little box. TNEotC is truthfully the best, most thorough listing of cat breeds I have ever found. More pages are reserved for the most popular breeds, such as Siamese and Persians, but by no means is TNEotC skimpy on the obscure ones. They even include full spreads on "newcomer" breeds like Pixiebobs and Bengals - not just passing mentions as in other cat guides. In fact, TNEotC is the only one that devotes full attention to Chartreux as a separate breed in its own right; this is sort of a litmus test of mine, because those cat books that lump Chartreux with British Shorthairs are generally lost on the whole concept of being definitive. We cat lovers enjoy lots of detail on cats, pure and simple. -Andrea, aka Merribelle 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Customer A very informative book for the cat lover. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. GREAT BOOK By edward anderson DETAILS SAID THE BOOK WAS USED BUT LOOKED BRAND NEW. WAS GIVING IT AS A GIFT, SO I SCANNED IT. WISHED I COULD KEEP IT FOR MYSELF. JUST IN THAT SHORT TIME LEARNED THAT MY CAT WHO EVERYONE SAYS IS BEAUTIFUL WITH HIS SHINEY GRAY IS ACTUALLY RUSSIAN BLUE. CUDOS TO THE SELLER, EVEN THOUGH I'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND WHY EVERYTHING I BUY TAKES A WEEK FROM THE DAY IT SAYS WHATEVER ITEM WAS SHIPPED TO ARRIVE. ALL IN ALL VERY HAPPY.

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