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This multi-volume encyclopedia is organized alphabetically, complete with an index volume and extensive cross-references, enabling any elementary school user or older user seeking an easy and concise overview of a topic to find what is needed quickly. With copious amounts of white space, a large font, and simple sentences, this resource of over 2,200 entries includes colorful pictures, "Did You Know?" callouts, and subheadings throughout the entries of approximately one-to-two pages in length. Continents, countries, U.S. states, and Canadian provinces each have their own entries, color-coded to tell you what geographic unit it is. . . . Some countries include time lines, as do the entries for each U.S. president. An interesting feature is the start of each letter, which includes a brief discussion of several words in that letter. Topics are up-to-date and controversial topics are treated with care throughout the volumes. The plethora of images, including charts, tables, maps, photographs, and drawings, will help even the youngest elementary user to understand the materials being presented in the encyclopedia. . . . Recommended. *Sara Marcus, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Queens College GSLIS, Flushing, New York*