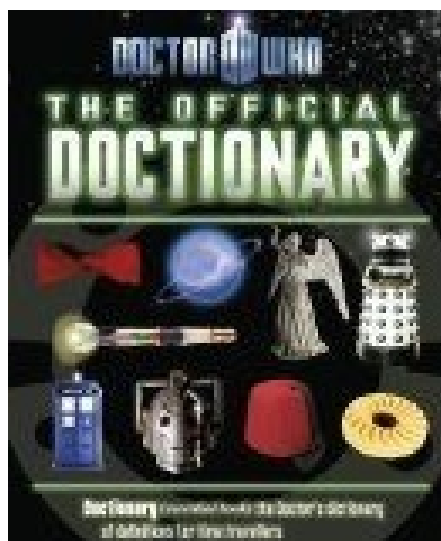




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Have you ever wondered what the Doctor is actually talking about? Are you burning to find out what the Blinovitch Limitation Effect is? Or what regeneration really is?

In this book, the Doctor takes you through all those tricky Time Lord words and phrases to teach you everything you need to know for travelling through time and space in the TARDIS with him.

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El-jorro says

Bookworm Speaks!

Doctor Who: The Official Doctionary

Bookworm has recently been enamored by the universe of the long-running British science fiction show Doctor Who, whose quirky protagonist travels through time and space with his time machine, The TARDIS, meeting and battling, all sorts of colorful characters and villains.

The Doctionary is a guide to the places, people, and technology the Doctor has encountered. Like a dictionary the entries are arranged from A to Z but unlike most dictionaries that Bookworm has read, the entries are arranged into categories which are placed in alphabetical order within them. The entries are for the most part confined to the 2005 relaunch of the series, but a few of the Doctor's classic adventures are seen in the pages.

Where this book shines is in the writing (like all books) but this one is unique. As it says on the cover: The Doctor likes to Talk and this book is written with the words of the Doctor. The entries are written in such a manner as the Doctor would be telling his compatriots, brief, quick and slightly off. For example, the section devoted to villains and monsters is titled: "Not So Nice 'People' and stuff." Accurate but not a very proper format. What makes Doctor Who great is how unproper the Doctor is.

The tradeoff of this book that makes its most prominent flaw is the formatting itself. The writing is in the style of what the Doctor himself would write. The Doctor's quirky style is a great part of his appeal but it can get irritating at some times. The Doctor's irreverent style could be a turnoff for new readers not familiar with the character.

Also in the vein of dictionaries, the entries do not go into a lot of detail. In interest of space constraints now doubt, but also to keep with the Doctor's style. If your looking for in depth analyses of people and places you may be disappointed. Also, while Bookworm is of the belief that Doctor Who appeals to all ages, the writing in this book may come off as slightly juvenile but The Eleventh Doctor is known to be quite a childish character.

But perhaps this was intentional by the writers. This is not an encyclopedia, it is a dictionary it only provides the briefest of tastes to characters, places, and things with vast histories. This could be so that is the wandering book enthusiast happens upon this tome and reads an entry that piques his or hers curiosity, they may want to stream a episode or two, read another book, and maybe, just maybe they will transform into a fellow whovian.

One can only hope.

Final Verdict: The Official Doctionary while not as detailed as the visual dictionary, it is nonetheless a delightful read both into the whoniverse and the mind of the Doctor

Bashynx says

I so love this book.

Kat says

I flicked through as it was a birthday pressie for one of my friends and it was amazing

Kaotic says

This was a wonderful book to read. It was written as though you were having a conversation with the Doctor (Matt Smith era), asking him all the questions you may have.

Timeline wise this takes place before he saved Gallifrey (saved is a loose term, instead of destroying he just lost it). Gallifrey falls, no more!

It was a really light and quick read, and really fun. The pictures were fantastic and featured some of the greatest things from each of the doctors.

((I told my cousin that the book was available at Walmart and he handed me cash and kicked me out the door. So I took the liberty of reading it first.))

Fantastic book.

Megan says

Right. After reading the Doctor's little "definitions" in here, I remember why I don't like Eleven's quirks as much as those of the other Doctors. Eleven's annoying.

Heather says

Good, but a lot of very common knowledge. Younger teens rather than older would probably learn more, but it's great for entertainment and hello, narrated by the Doctor. Can't really beat that.

Dawn Colclasure says

Good book! A must-have for every Doctor Who fan.

Molly says

It is quite amusing, it is written as though the doctor is speaking.

Librariasaurus says

Awesome alphabetical listing of all things Doctor Who, classic and modern. It reads like both a dictionary and a journal with entries written as though the doctor has made his own observations on everything and everyone he had ever encountered. I love the section on "Not So Nice 'People' and Aliens abs Monsters and Things..."

VaLinda Miller says

It took me a long time to finish this book. I was not in a hurry because I wanted to read a little and then watch the various Doctor Who shows from the very beginning (Had to get the old ones from the library and there were some missing shows) to understand some of the dialect and why are those ding dong Daleks still hanging around. Other than that, I enjoyed the book and still using it as a reference when I get stuck on something and a huge fan of David Tennant. It's just a great book to have around.

Sahiba says

Full Review- <http://wp.me/p4LMeC-en>

Caitlin says

Loved this book! It was a comprehensive explanation of a bunch of things from the Whoniverse sounding just like it was written by the Doctor himself. There were a number of subtle jokes about the show itself (e.g. references to hiding behind the sofa when watching the television, etc.) and plenty of references to classic Who. As a teen reader, I can say child and adult Whovians alike will love this book, with the adults especially getting a kick out of the jokes.

Julia says

This book consists of alphabetical lists of various kinds with photos.

“Harkness, Captain Jack: You must know Captain Jack. Everyone knows Captain Jack Harkness. That’s not his real name, of course, I’m not sure if he remembers his real name. He used to work for the Time Agency – who are a shady lot – but they wiped his memories when he left. Now he runs Torchwood. Oh, and he’s immortal, too, thanks to that business with Rose Tyler and the Time Vortex. He did tell me once that he’s also known as ‘the Face of Boe.’ But

I think he was joking. Maybe. Wasn't he?"

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"Mott, Wilfred: Donna's granddad. What a gentleman. Didn't know who he was when we first met, but we became firm friends. Every life is worthwhile, every single one. But if you've got to sacrifice yourself for someone else, then do it for someone like Wilf... Well, that's a privilege."

(73) There's objects, villains, "Hats and other Cool Accessories," But Doctor Who is really all about the people. And the jokes. This is a fun little book.

Zohal says

LOVED IT!!!! This is useful in so many ways!

Stella says

A great book about the doctors adventures.
