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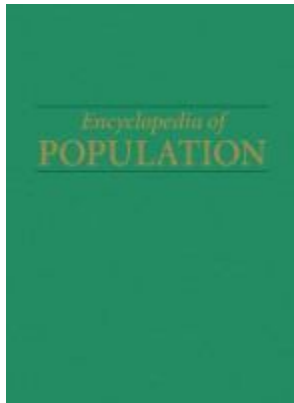
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Who knew divorce, disease, and disaster could be so interesting? The first major population reference in a decade expands the scope of the subject and deals with 21st-century population issues. While earlier approaches focused on growth and how to curtail it, this work communicates a range of interests, including low fertility, old-age support, genetic engineering, animal rights, and ethical debates like abortion and asylum seeking. The thematic overview and outline, pitched at undergraduates, makes this reference particularly browsable. It avoids jargon, does not require prior specialized knowledge, is highly utilitarian, and is accessible to a wide range of readers. The entries, intended for professionals in population sciences and other social scientists, are academic in tone. Most are brief (a few are longer), and settle controversies in the field while raising others. The editors balance differing opinions in the field. Entries, written by experts, include bibliographies and Internet resources. Biographical entries are restricted to persons important in the development of population studies. Tables are clear and well labeled.

**Summing Up:** Highly recommended. Academic collections, undergraduate and higher.

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**Recommendation:** Highly recommended

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