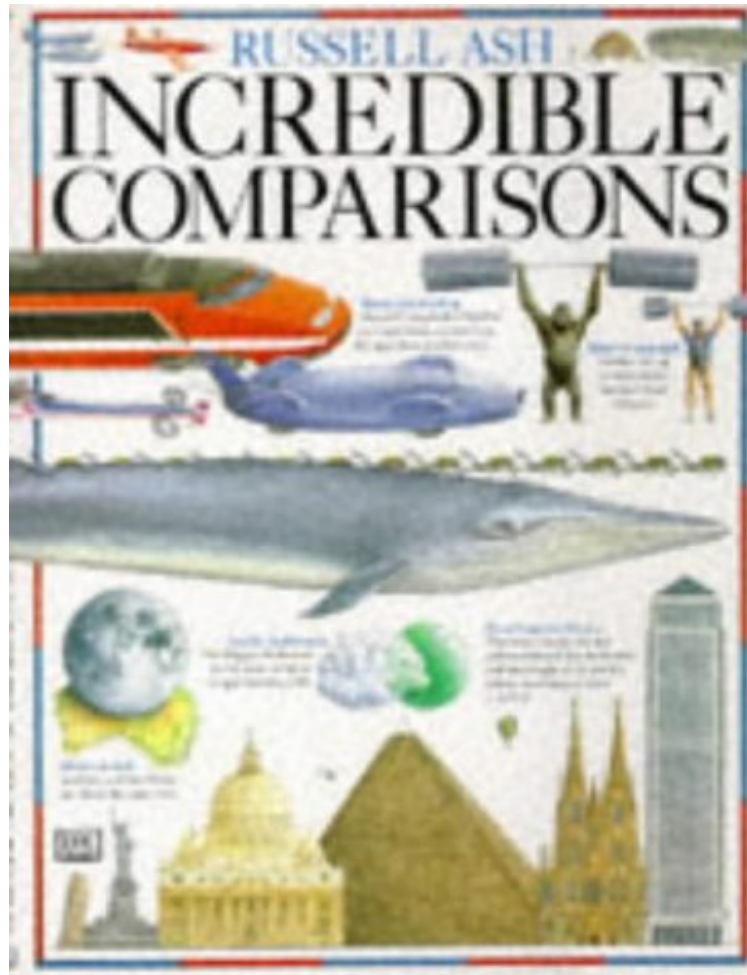


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From School Library Journal Grade 5-8. This eye-catching book makes comparisons based on known quantities rather than numerical measurements. For example, the weight of the blue whale is compared verbally and graphically to the weight of 26 African elephants. Double-page spreads are devoted to the measurement of comparative sizes, weights, volumes, heights, speeds, and distances. The scope includes the cosmos, Earth, and life on it. The introduction defines the basic yardsticks to be used; once comparisons are made to these points of reference, these new comparisons may be used in later sections. There are straight equivalencies, such as the population of Seoul being equal to the population of Australia. Other comparisons are proportional: if a man could jump as far as a grasshopper, he could long jump 103 feet instead of merely the world record of 29 feet. The informative, entertaining illustrations are used effectively to demonstrate the topics covered. A minor quibble is that while the index helps locate references to specific items, it does not indicate what is measured. Overall, though, this bright and colorful oversized offering is a delight; it is a great source for browsing, as each entry leads readers down a new path. ?Jeffrey A. French, Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library Copyright 1997 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Booklist Gr. 4 and up. Although its main audience will probably be upper-elementary and middle-school children, this is a book that really defies age categorizing. Even adults will find themselves flipping the pages. The combination of informative thumbnail captions and extraordinarily detailed artwork, presented on well-thought-out double-page spreads (and a few spectacular foldouts), is DK at its best. Some of the illustrations, including one of a 40-week-old fetus, are even presented "actual" size. Ash sets the stage with the ground rules he used to make his comparisons and with some guidelines for successfully using the book. In succeeding chapters, he covers a wealth of topics--from expected ones (speed and weight, for example) to more specialized ones aimed at helping readers better understand some of the mysteries of the universe and the workings of the human body. Selective is the operative term here, and the book's large size may prove a shelver's nightmare. On the other hand, it is a true browser's delight; leave it out on a table, and you'll draw a crowd. Stephanie Zvirin Use this visual guide to help turn statistics into pictures: this surveys sizes, heights, speeds, and numbers using a fine cross-comparison visual approach which encourages kids to think about the realities of numbers. From animals to human creations, this is an unusual, involving oversized creation. -- Midwest Book