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69 of 72 people found the following review helpful. Excellent!!!!By CHunterI've been a lover of National Geographic magazine for decades and wanted an alternative to having so many paper-based magazines. After reading all of the negative reviews I was very hesitant about ordering this product. There were 1 star reviews, horror stories about 6 hours worth of installing time, updating Adobe Air nightmares, etc.Then, I read a reviewer explain that he didn't know what all the fuss was about. That you don't have to install the whole 60GB data, which is what I didn't want to do. His review explained to just insert the install disc (Disc 1), follow the instructions, you're done. Then only insert the other discs as needed, when directed by the computer, to review the content (not to install the data on your computer). That was the explanation I wanted to hear. I immediately ordered the product.Installation took about 10 minutes. That 10 minutes also includes opening the packaging, pulling out the contents and picking up the discs to look at them. :-)My

Adobe Air software was already updated. There was a message about Adobe Air during the installation, but only regarding to update automatically when updates become available. I didn't bother to check this box. Adobe Air automatically signals me for updates on my computer anyway. My computer platform: Mac.I immediately started making myself familiar with the app and reading National Geographic.Wonderful, wonderful, wonderful!!!4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Incredible Informative Tool!By William B. RynearsonWhat a fantastic program! And what a deal!! I currently subscribe to National Geographic Magazine at \$15/year. You can get 121 years of NatGeo for under \$30!! It will take a lifetime to read all of these magazines.The program is very good for its purpose - finding and reading magazines. You can browse by year, subject, or read collections of articles picked by staff members. There is also a search tool, something that makes this tool much better than having these in their original printed version. I have not used this feature very much yet, but I have had no problems so far.The magazines can either be saved on the hard drive (I did this), or read off the dvd's every time you use the application. Also, you can install some (not all) of the disks. There is no picking and choosing of specific magazines, but you can choose to install the first 3 dvd's, for example. I like that they give this flexibility.I recommend having a fairly large monitor for reading all the fine print. I have an 18" monitor, but I have to zoom in occasionally to read the text. Not a big deal though.People are complaining about the picture quality. Yes, they're not as good as the printed edition, but they do the job of creating wonder and awe. Plus, if they used images at the same quality as the printed page, the size of this collection would be astronomical. It's at over 40GB already, so there had to be a compromise on their part.Overall, I don't understand how people can complain about this package. You get 121 years of the best magazine in the world for less than the price of two years of it, and are given the portability of reading it anywhere you can bring your computer. Once again, what an incredible package!!4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Poor Software Design Slow-Running ApplicationBy CouzyNumerous reviewers have noted the poor software design used in this product, a design you might have expected 20 years ago. Experiencing is believing for me! I'm not a software engineer but do have experience as a manager in selecting contractors for archiving and reproducing for research use back issues of academic journals. How could the National Geographic staff been so naive as to select a vendor with so little skill to reproduce their magazine?When I had read reviewer remarks about how long it took to transfer the DVD's to a hard drive I questioned how it could take so long, unless a person had a computer with a very slow processor and little RAM. I now believe! Using a 2 year-old laptop with a dual-core processor of average speed, 4 GB RAM, essentially only the OS on the primary hard drive, and loading the DVD's to a nearly empty 5400 rpm secondary hard drive, it took me a few minutes over 8 hours. I've NEVER transferred anything to a laptop hard drive that's taken that long!!!!The best part is that I can now look at the magazine, and so far that experiecne has been okay, although it takes some experimenting to figure out how to view the pages, and the software isn't particularly responsive. In fact, it's darned slow.Is the product worth my \$40.00 investment? Yes! Would I have preferred to pay \$80.00 for up-to-date software and a product that's easier to use? Yes!

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