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beginners. It covers the basics well. It mentions a few deck types and frequently seen cards, so that beginners start off with some knowledge. It is also a nice feature to have a short article for parents whose kid have just discovered Magic. However, this book does have problems. First, it is written in an April 2003 mindset, but it has not seen wide release until August 2003. Much has changed. Beginners should be immersing themselves with 8th Edition, not retrograding themselves back to 7th. Also, it chooses some strange things to cover. For example, beginners don't need much coverage of Type I or Rochester, and they should not even be told about Solomon drafts. Why the heck mention Solomon drafts? In nine years of playing Magic I have only seen one done, and it was unsanctioned and over six years ago. The space dedicated to these topics would have been better served preparing beginners for local tourneys and for trading, giving them advice about how to tell a good trade from a bad trade. This book does a fine job of illustrating why Magic advice has been concentrated on the internet, and not in an hard form like magazines or books. Those just starting will do OK with this book ...

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