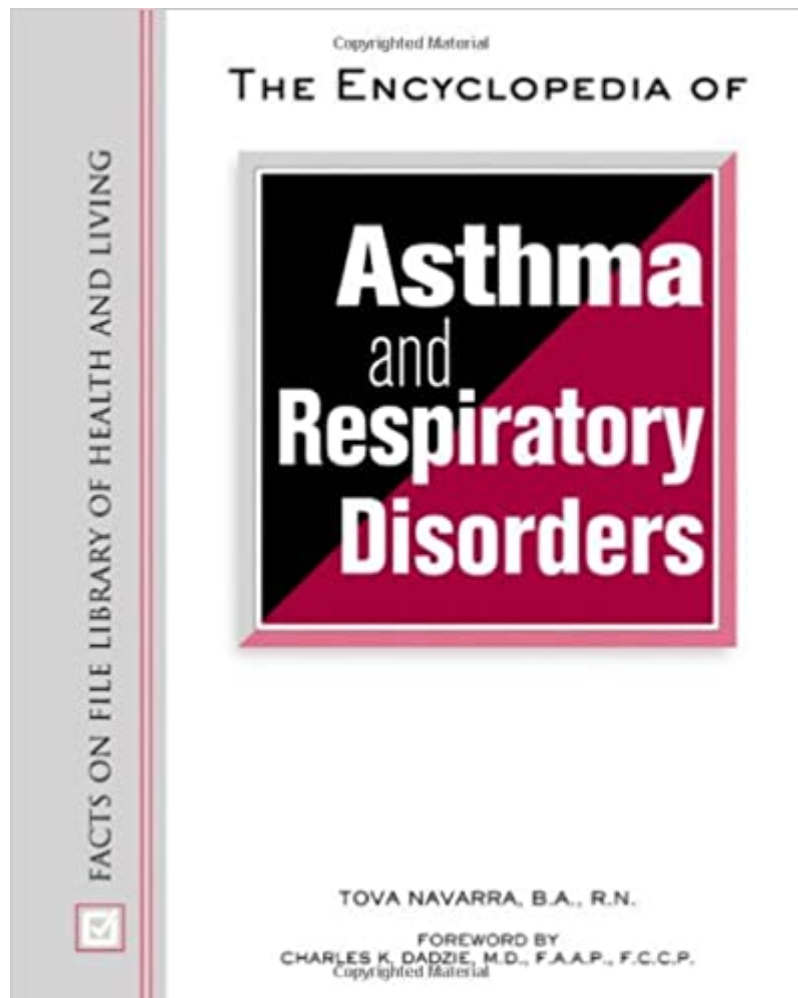




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Sourcebook (Omnigraphics, 2002) and Respiratory Diseases and Disorders Sourcebook (Omnigraphics, 1995). Both of these titles are part of the consumer-friendly Health Reference Series. Other useful titles are The 2002 Official Patient's Sourcebook on Asthma (ICON, 2002) and the AMA's Essential Guide to Asthma (Pocket Books, 1998). The Encyclopedia of Asthma and Respiratory Disorders would be useful in libraries serving health-care professionals and students involved in a health curriculum. RBBCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

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