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Product Review

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WikiReader - Are you smarter than a 5th grader?

A new product recently developed by OpenMoko Inc.

The WikiReader is a small \$99.00 handheld device. It contains the same three million Wikipedia Encyclopedia articles that children and adults read on the Internet to check facts and perform elementary research.

Reason's to Drool

It is small, runs on 2 AAA batteries, and puts one of the most visited websites into your pocket. It has a touch sensitive screen and keyboard. Just like the Wikipedia website you enter words or names to search; and you can use links within the article to jump to related topics.

Not So Cool

It doesn't have a backlit screen so it is hard to read in dim lighting, keyboard works best with small fingers. You can't select letters with a stylus. Entries not appropriate for all ages do exist and the "Set Password" clears each time the machine is shut off.

To Learn More

<http://thewikireader.com/>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/WikiReader>

View Video

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=okkhi_GnI8k