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An update to the author's *Gambling in America* (CH, Apr'02, 39-4347), this excellent encyclopedia provides detailed information on the gambling phenomenon throughout the world. In more than 300 entries, this two-volume set covers a wealth of information on a wide variety of topics related to gambling. Volume 1 addresses such general topics as legislation, games, and biographies of prominent figures in gambling. Volume 2 has geographic coverage of gambling, an annotated bibliography, an inventory of leading legal cases, a glossary of gambling terms, and selected essays on gambling from leading researchers in the field. The encyclopedia is organized alphabetically and features data tables/graphs and photographs that supplement the content. Each entry includes a list of references. A chronology outlining important gambling events throughout history is provided, along with reviews of 50-plus films about gambling. Overall, this exhaustive encyclopedia is extremely easy to use. **Summing Up:** Recommended. Lower-level undergraduates through faculty/researchers; general readers. -- J. C. Tucker, *University of Nevada, Las Vegas*