Edited by Tatnall (Victoria Univ., Australia), this two-volume resource offers over 200 articles written by experts worldwide. Generally 4-8 pages long, articles consist of a state-of-the-art report, detailed bibliography, and list of important terms with definitions. Every article was reviewed using a double-blind peer review process. The entries vary widely, from the very basic ("What Is a Portal?") to the complex ("Java Portals and Java Portlet Specification and API"). Contributors address a wide variety of portal applications, e.g., academic, medical, scientific, business, corporate, educational, governmental, musical, personal, and library/museum/community/tourism-related. The authors also cover other aspects of portals, such as their economics, promotion, management, design, quality, security, and privacy. The articles are excellent and deserve a wide audience. Most should have been published in an appropriate journal, where they would have been indexed and abstracted by one or more bibliographic databases. The publisher offers an online version for about $100 less than the print version, but it was not available for this review. Purchase of the print version includes access to the online version for the life of the edition. Each volume contains an identical 18-page subject index; a more comprehensive index would have provided better access and more value. Summing Up: Recommended. Libraries that collect in this or related subject areas and libraries that aim to be comprehensive; lower-level undergraduates and above. -- M. Knee, University at Albany, SUNY