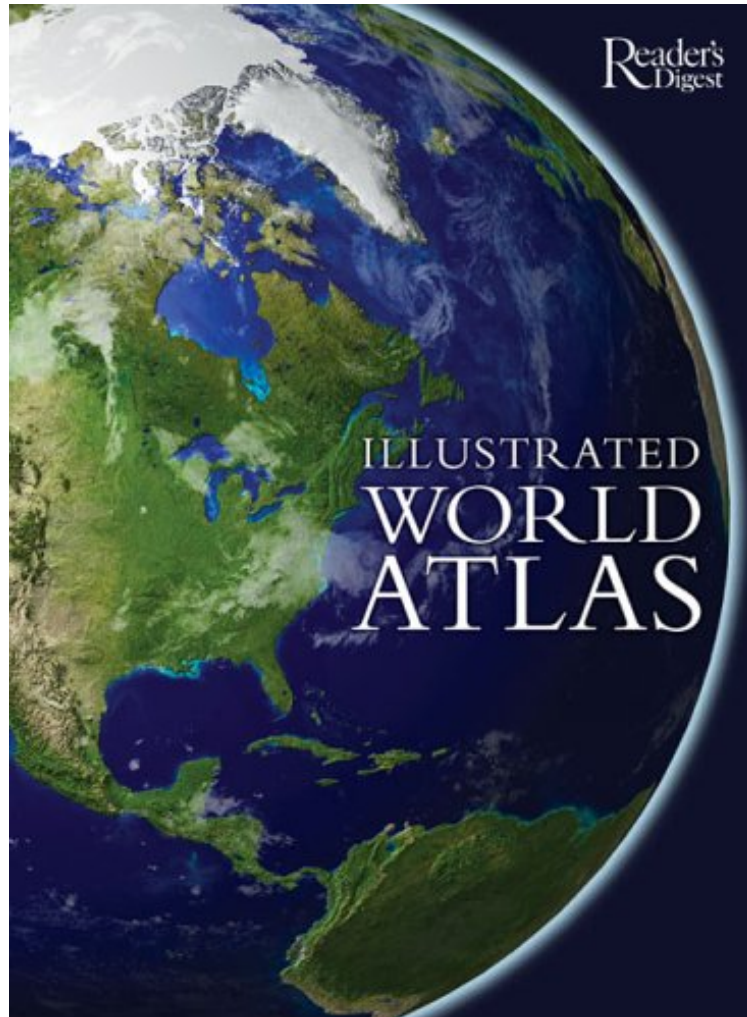


## Illustrated World Atlas

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From Booklist Reader's Digest has published a new medium-sized atlas with maps from European Map Graphics Ltd. Previous Reader's Digest atlases have used Rand McNally or Bartholomew maps. As is often the case, the title of this atlas is very similar to that of the desk or school atlas published by Reader's Digest: Illustrated Atlas of the World (5th ed., 2004). The new atlas appears to replace the Reader's Digest Illustrated Great World Atlas (1997). The atlas under review has 200 pages of maps and a gazetteer of 80,000 place-names. The first 50-plus pages are devoted to weather, migration, resources, communication, and other global topics. These pages are eye-catching, with tables, graphs, pie charts, and full-color photos. Preceding the atlas section are two pages providing instructions for using maps with keys to symbols. The maps are arranged by continent, beginning with Australasia and going west to Europe, Africa, and the Americas. Classic atlases, such as Oxford's Atlas of the World (12th ed., 2004), begin with Europe, and some atlases now put the Americas first. Each continent section starts with three two-page spreads containing a variety of graphics showing the highest, longest, and largest geographic features and data on population, climate, employment, and more along with a political map with capitals of countries underlined. The regional maps that follow are topographical, using lots of color, which makes it difficult to read some small place-names, boundaries, and mountain passes. International airports are clearly indicated with the IATA code (IAD, ORD, LHR), and regional airports just have a plane symbol. On one map, the code for LaGuardia Airport (LGA) appears in Hyannis, Mass., as well as correctly in New York. On the outside margin of each right page, the area being shown is indicated in vertical letters, which is useful for quickly finding a map. Some maps also have the page numbers for continuation maps, another useful feature. There are five foldout maps--of the Caribbean, the Himalayas, the Mediterranean, Rift Valley, and the Yangtze River--that clearly illustrate the formation of these areas. In a check of 10 cities and towns mentioned in a current New York Times, eight were listed in the gazetteer and found on a map. However, no specific city maps are included--city maps are a feature found in some but not all medium-sized atlases. The gazetteer includes cultural, hydrographic, and topographic features as well as place-names, with symbols denoting the different feature types. For countries, a box is inserted in the column where the country is listed, giving the area, population, life expectancy, literacy, languages, and GDP. Illustrated World Atlas is recommended for libraries that need an additional midsize, current atlas. It is comparable to The New Concise World Atlas (Oxford, 2003). The hardcover of the atlas is identical to the attractive dust jacket, so libraries that discard the jacket will still have an eye-catching volume. Christine Bulson Copyright American Library Association. All rights reserved