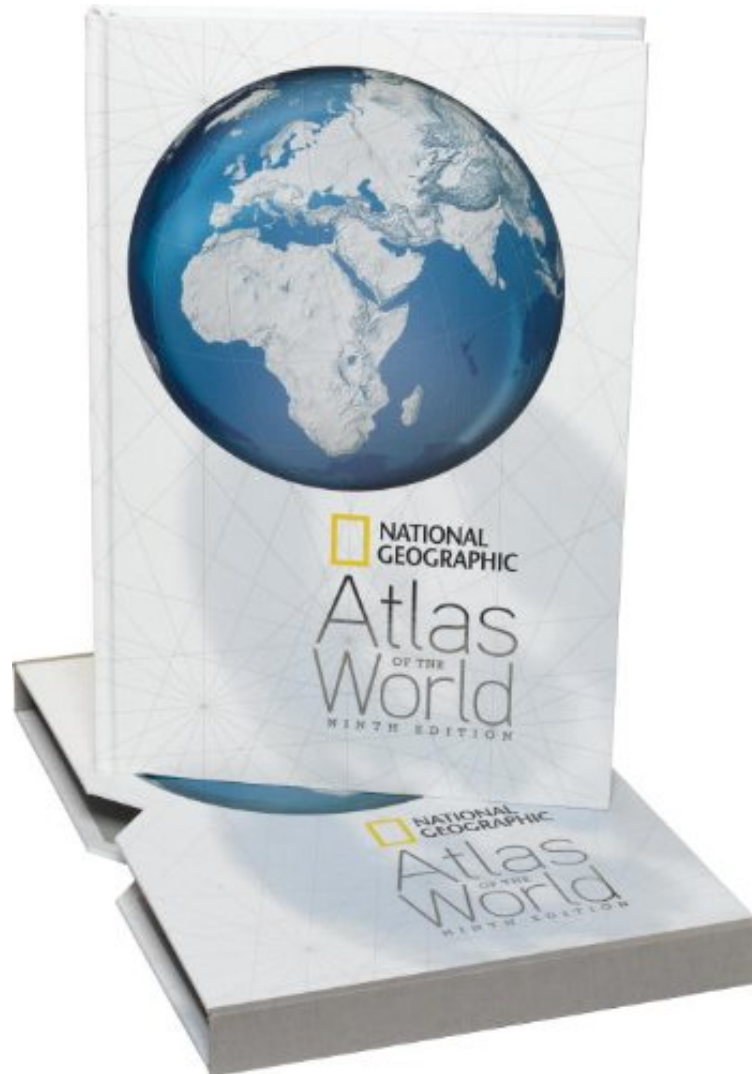


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187 of 192 people found the following review helpful. Good, but....By Warwick CA as a dedicated cartophile I have collected hundreds of atlases, including every edition of the National Geographic Atlas in the last 40 years. The maps continue to be superb, BUT the emphasis is overwhelmingly on the northern hemisphere and islands. There are detailed maps of the United States, Canada and Europe, but once south of the Equator there are none. This is an ongoing NGS fault. South Africa, the Rio de Janeiro to Buenos Aires area, and southeast Australia are examples of

areas where detailed maps would be appropriate. Australia, the same size as the USA and more than twice the size of the European Union is covered by just one map. Perversely the most remotely populated areas of Australia (Cape York and top end of the Northern Territory) are covered in great detail on the edge of the Papua-New Guinea map. New Zealand and Papua-New Guinea, both a fraction the size of Australia, are mapped in far greater detail, and uninhabited Pacific and Antarctic islands receive detailed coverage. Maps of the areas mentioned above have been published by the NGS, just not in their atlases. Many of the thematic maps at the beginning of the atlas are new, but some are too predictable. The maps of cell phone subscriptions, traditional phone lines and personal computers are almost identical. The map showing passenger flights totally ignores South America and the fourth busiest air route in the world between Sydney and Melbourne. And just what is the "Mexico City effect" mentioned on the Natural Hazards map. It is not defined anywhere on the map or its caption. Even the mighty NGS can make mistakes. On the map of the Arctic Ocean Floor, Alaska's Kenai Peninsula is labeled as Seward Peninsula, while the true Seward Peninsula at Bering Strait is correctly labeled. Overall the Times Comprehensive Atlas of the World is yet to be beaten. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great Atlas. . . Problems with 's shipping and handling. By RangerDougLove this Atlas. I had the 6th edition (along with the NG Historical Atlas of the World) and it was time to upgrade. Keep your eye out for specials on . . . I got this for \$70 on special, and with my Prime, no additional charge for shipping. Only problem was with shipping from . The package always arrived on time, but it took four attempts to get an undamaged copy from their facility in Kentucky. For an organization that started out selling books over the internet, you would think that they would have mastered the art of packaging high cost books. Throughout the process of getting this tome shipped to me, did not once use bubble-wrap or place sufficient packing material inside to prevent the book and its slipcase from sliding about inside the shipping box. Additionally, the shipping boxes always arrived with shipping damage from the carrier - crushed corners, punctures, etc. the final shipment arrived with scuff marks from the cardboard box because the atlas was sliding around inside the shipping box. Fortunately, those scuff marks were confined to the thin, plastic shrink-wrap around the book and slipcase. Overall, it took 6-8 weeks from the time I ordered the book (with Prime) until I received an undamaged copy of the atlas. This, despite many e-mails, photographs, chat sessions and telephone calls between me Customer Service and me. Bottom line: Great piece of work by National Geographic. Poor Marks to on their shipping and handling. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Very fine maps and place-name index. By Douglas Criner The quality of the maps is first rate and of a large size and scale (much too large to read in bed). The maps' paper, printing, and detail are very nice, as good or better than the folded-up maps included in the National Geographic Magazine. Well printed, highly detailed maps simply aren't available on the Internet, so a paper atlas is essential to me. The place-name index, which is very detailed and of a helpful format, takes up almost half the book. Like many world atlases, there are quite a few excess pages containing demographic and cultural information unrelated to the usual purpose of locating places geographically - excess information that could be easily found on the Internet or that could be put in a volume separate from the main maps. Examples include huge, 18x24-inch, two-page spreads, with such titles as "Progress and the Ongoing Struggle," "Moving to Survive," and "Straining Financial Links." Those pages are useful mainly for browsing, not so much as reference material. Likewise, maps of the moon, the solar system, and the Milky Way. There is a nice 14-page listing of all the various countries, displaying their flags and such key information as population, main religions, literacy rates, etc. Even though such information is readily available on the Internet, I appreciate that they have kept it in a separate section, and have not cluttered up the maps with it. Very good value for the price.

National Geographic Atlas of the World, Ninth Edition showcases the Earth in stunning detail, through a magnificent collection of world, continental, and regional maps that represent up-to-the-minute political geography. Throughout the Ninth Edition, state-of-the-art cartographic technologies and thousands of updates deliver accuracy and quality. Innovative new physical and thematic sections address the most compelling issues facing our world today. Preeminent scientists and experts in geographical specialty fields have consulted on all topics, to ensure that the maps, graphs, and text convey significant trends and findings relevant to modern science. Innovative design makes the wide-ranging content wonderfully accessible, resulting in an accurate, useful, and user-friendly reference to the world. Map coverage in the Ninth Edition is more comprehensive and up-to-date than ever before: Newly generated regional maps reveal in great detail the geography of places in the news today, strengthening the reference aspect of the Atlas in its coverage of newsworthy developments, from conflict in the Middle East to global warming in North America. Dramatic, state-of-the-art ocean floor maps show more detail, more features, and more soundings than in any other atlas. Extraterrestrial maps chart the Northern and Southern skies, the Solar System, the Milky Way, and the Universe, with new maps of Mars and the Moon that denote physical features, spacecraft landings, and impact sites. Twenty new thematic spreads illustrate crucial aspects of the human and physical world: population, urbanization, and their environmental impact, as well as human rights, health and wellness, culture, climate, technology, and many other topics. In this section, world maps appear in the same scale and projection to make it easier for the reader to compare layers of information. Plus, new highlighted notes called "connections" point out the interrelationships between topics. The reference value of the National Geographic Atlas of the World, Ninth Edition is unparalleled, with the place-name

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