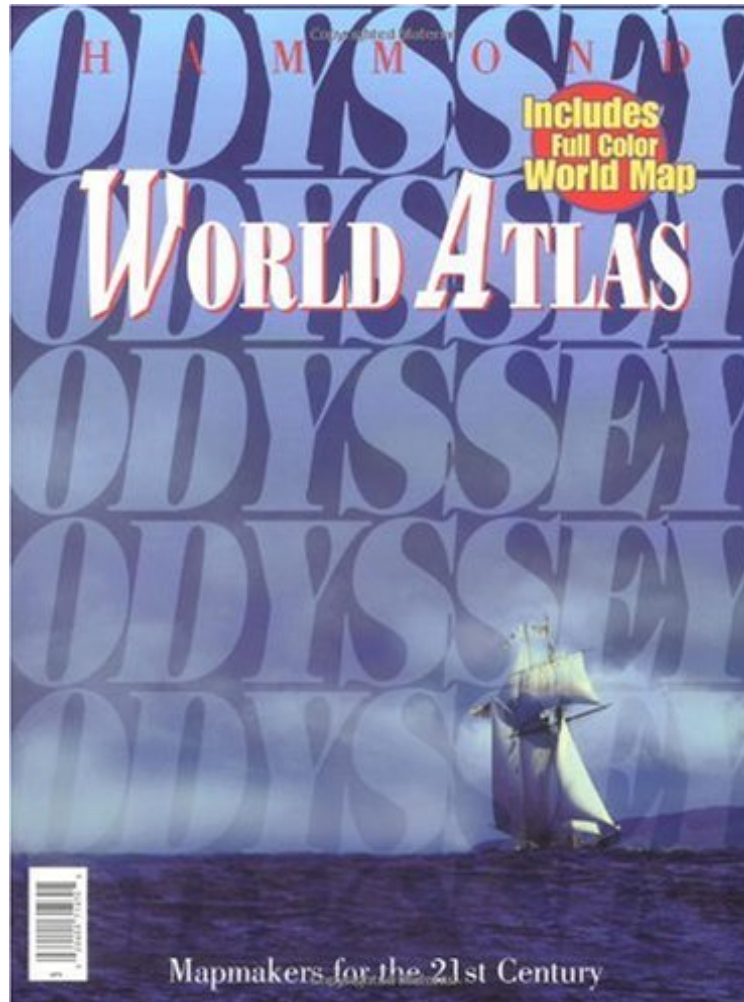


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4 of 5 people found the following review helpful. An excellent, cheap reference tome for viewing pleasureBy Chosroes IIIWhen first beginning to prepare for the Praxis II test in Social Studies I immediately picked this up along with H. G. Wells' uneven but brilliant "Outline of History". Those were two of the best months of my life, as I think back upon them, and I would even dream of taking the test over again, to give me the sense of mission in poring over volumes of history, government, economics, social sciences and geography-- except I scored a perfect 200, so I'm afraid it's just pointless! I had actually lusted after the Hammond Odyssey Atlas from a couple of years before that, but hadn't gotten around to purchasing it. This is a "basic" atlas theoretically, but it jams a great deal of worth into a small space. First of all, Hammond's maps are-- as one may also see in the gloriously informative "Hammond Comparative

World Atlas" and the magisterial "Hammond New Century World Atlas"-- aesthetically satisfying to a degree I've never experienced with other maps. This is complementary to their extraordinary degree of accuracy, no doubt, but it also shows a keen sensibility about visual presentation. The only flaw I can complain of here-- and perhaps this only affected my copy-- was a slight degree of runaway color on the full political map of Europe, carrying over a millimeter or so beyond the borders. This did not affect any of the other political maps, which are all in bold but pleasantly muted shades, and the topographical maps are wonderfully shaded and detailed as well. The Odyssey Atlas also comes with a folded-up full world political map in back, which is colored in analogous but somewhat frostier tones; this map still hangs on my library wall, but I bequeathed the volume itself to my cousin. The Odyssey Atlas has, apparently, been superseded by the Hammond Explorer Atlas, a similar version with a bolder color scheme and with several city maps for major world metropolises, but without the included tear-away map in back. I certainly recommend the Explorer Atlas but, for nostalgia's sake if nothing else, I hope to soon acquire the Odyssey Atlas for my own shelves. It remains a valuable, and highly pleasurable, tool, and it has served me faithfully and well.

This colorful 45 page world atlas, up-to-date, indexed comes complete with a tear-out world wall map. Two functional products for the price of one.

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