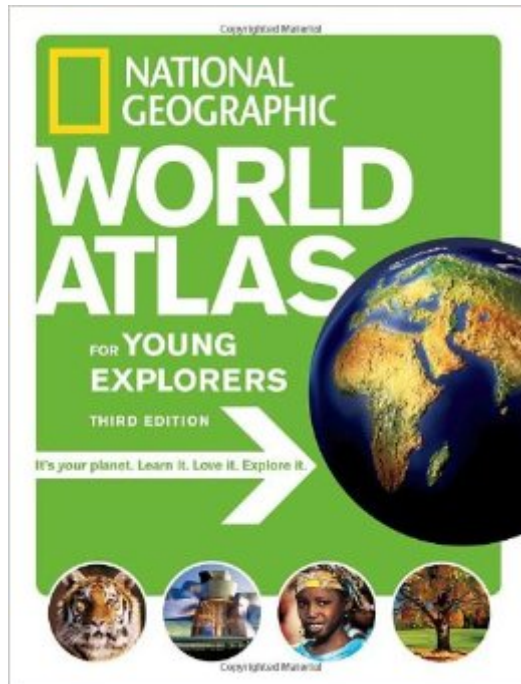


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National Geographic World Atlas For Young Explorers, Third Edition



Synopsis

The latest edition of the award-winning National Geographic World Atlas for Young Explorers features all new photographs, maps, and graphics. And now, for the first time ever, the National Geographic World Atlas for Young Explorers goes interactive! The 3rd edition is chockfull of bright, bold icons that, thanks to a specially designed National Geographic web site, will allow kids to go beyond the printed page and experience firsthand the sights, sounds, and movements of the world's people, places, and animals. They'll watch brown bears fish for salmon in Alaska, listen to the latest singing sensation from Haiti, experience the power of a volcanic eruption, explore a rain forest, hang out at a local market in India, and much more. Every map is custom-designed for middle-grade students by the Society's world-renowned cartographers. Each map reflects the latest place-name and boundary changes. Every statistic in every fact box and every economic symbol on the regional maps reflects the very latest data available. All maps are shown in the context of surrounding areas to ensure that a complete picture of the world develops. Same-size physical and political maps make for easy comparisons and help youngsters understand how physical features influence patterns of human settlement and economic activity. Stunning images from space help link real-world images and give young readers a physical sense of the natural grandeur of our world. The National Geographic World Atlas for Young Explorers is a book that will expand the minds and stimulate the imaginations of kids everywhere.

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Customer Reviews

We are homeschoolers and were looking for an atlas to accompany our geography curriculum. I borrowed this particular book from the public library. We were so impressed, we decided to purchase our own copy. I felt the price was great for something like this - oversized, beautiful color photographs, satellite images; political and physical maps of each continent; just about anything you could ever want from an atlas. The text is geared towards students - my own children are 9 and 11.

I bought this book for my 6-year old who is very interested in geography based on reviews I read. Overall the book is excellent in terms of its content, maps, and photographs. In retrospect, it is a little advanced for a 6-year old but I decided to keep it as she would grow into it. The one thing I did find disappointing, however, is the choice of font & font color. Some of the information provided is in tiny font; I guess the goal was to pack as much content as possible on the pages. The bigger disappointment is their choice of font color. Every continent uses a different color and some of them are so faded and light in color that they're almost hard to read (particular North America, South America, some of the Asia paragraphs, and even some of the front section on the earth). What were they thinking?! How did they not notice! Given the excellent quality of the content, I really wish they had not compromised pragmatism for creativity on something as basic as the font.

I got this for my twin girls who are in Third Grade, and they really enjoy it. It has the excellent National Geographic maps and a lot of information packed into its 192 pages. It also has links to their webpage spread throughout for an interactive experience. This atlas is a great resource for young explorers curious about the world.

I have been looking for a good atlas to use with my 5-year-old daughter and of all the ones I've browsed through, this seems the best. There is a how-to guide at the beginning of the book which provides useful guidelines on how to maximize use of this atlas, and the bonus is that this atlas is also interactive - there's yellow-and-black icons on most pages which lead to a website that allows children to explore the world (there are videos, music, and games). This site also provides more in-depth information which can be very useful for school projects, and there are maps which can be downloaded and colored. All in all ,the interactive features are excellent and highly engaging!The atlas itself covers the continents, i.e. North America; South America; Europe; Asia; Africa; Australia,

New Zealand, and Oceania; and, Antarctica. The oversized feature of this book allows for easy perusal (without having to strain one's eyes) of the maps. The maps themselves are appropriately detailed, with physical and political maps represented alongside each other for convenient reference. There are also maps of natural disasters, world religions, the solar system, the ocean floors, population, etc. The back of the book contains an index for easy reference. There's also a flags of the world section with brief statistics regarding each country. Excellent reference and value for money!

My kids use this atlas, which IMO has just the right amount of detail for us -- not too much, not too little. We can easily see the big picture of each region, along with an abundance of geographic features (rivers, mountain ranges, deserts, plateaus, etc.). I was able to do a side-by-side comparison of several large atlases, and the National Geographic ones by far had the best layout and color schemes to help the reader find the information he's looking for. So far, we've used this atlas for ages 10 through 14.

I carefully selected our main atlas for homeschooling, as I had several used ones I had collected and was unable to find something I really liked. Most for kids were either too cartoonish, didn't contain enough real life information, or were simply unclear. Then I stumbled upon this atlas and immediately knew this was the perfect one for us. The maps are clear and easy to understand, the accompanying information is pertinent and interesting for our middle schoolers to read, and the larger size allows more information to be included and text to be a tad bit larger. We use this atlas for everything, when we are reading books we pull it out to see where in the world something occurred, we find information on regional industry, we can see terrain and oceans labeled well. Every student should own one, every homeschool should have at least 1!

This was purchased by a grandmother as an educational follow up to an earlier request for a globe, which was also a hit but kind of one dimensional. The Atlas for Young Explorers has wonderful pictures and illustrations as well as interspersing text and computer link information. I was a little concerned about the reading level before actually seeing the atlas since my grandchild is in early grammar school but a very good reader. It is so interesting that opening it up usually means 30+ minutes of focused information that is generally read to the whole family (or anyone in the near vicinity). This is a very good value that I can see being a useful tool throughout all grammar school. If you have a child or grandchild interested in the natural world, I highly recommend this product.

I had hoped this book would have more information about individual countries to satisfy my 5-yo daughter's growing curiosity about the world. On each fold-out pair of pages one finds a map of a region (e.g., northern Africa, central South America) containing several countries, with little symbols showing information about major industries. Also included is a main text paragraph or two and a few photos with captions that each might say one thing about one country. I find that the language level and construction is perhaps understandable but not engaging for a child to read or be read to. They really need to employ people who know how to write in more accessible language for kids.

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