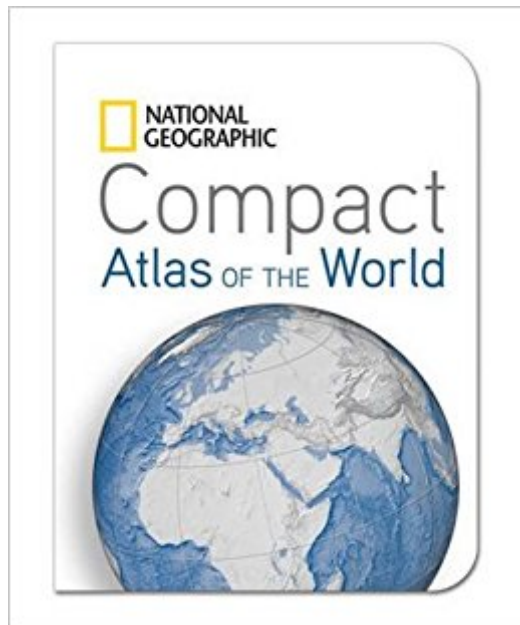




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Over the last couple of years, I have been reading more and more histories and biographies. As is obvious to anyone with a passing interest in history - especially military history - the reading is greatly reinforced when one can refer to a map to put issues into a geographical perspective. Too many of the books that I have read, recently, do not have maps that are adequate for understanding more than relative locations of interest. At home, I have numerous maps, atlases, historical atlases and historical timelines available to me. The same is not true when I am traveling or sitting in a park or a coffee shop. This compact atlas gives me enough information to provide general topography, distances, and current political boundaries without taking up much space in my messenger bag (aka, "man-purse!!") I have seen some complaints about inadequate detail and such from other reviewers. However, if you are looking for a rapid reference source that can fit in your pocket and only costs about \$10 on , this is a good deal. If you need more detail, go ahead and lug around your 9th Edition of the Nat Geo Atlas of the World. That extra 12 pounds is sure to help define your shoulders! (Add the historical atlas from the 6th or 8th edition to double the weight!) Some people will certainly prefer to get to maps using a tablet or a smartphone. However, this little volume is sturdily built with tough, flexible covers and good, heavy paper that should hold up well in the damp, and its battery never drains! I would certainly recommend this to friends, and I plan to purchase a few more as gifts.

The book is quite modern, and gives information related to the natural features and human geography. However, cities less than 100 000 are not shown for most of the world, or many roads. In fact, you have no idea how big the cities are, depends on the region. Major populated areas (Europe, Asia, Africa) are well covered, except for the USA. The trade off is that some less populated areas are covered (leaving the details out on US political map). If you want more detail, get any of the paperback atlases in the bigger format (I like the DK atlas for college). For the compact/pocket guides, the Oxford one has more cities.

If you are okay with the small size of 4.2 x 6 inches, this may work for you. I found it way too small for my use. Each page is not much bigger than a large cell phone, and the detail is poor. When you add the stiff binding, it's very hard to see the inside 20% of each page due to the consequent curvature of the pages. After looking at several paper Atlases, I found a better approach. is to Install one of the free atlas apps from Android or Apple on your phone or tablet. This works great as you can pinch and zoom, the "pages" are flat, and jumping around with a menu structure is much easier. Many of these apps work offline.

My last compact (Pocket- copyright 1983) Atlas was given to me as a gift from my Father before I circumnavigated the globe back in the 80's. It has seen lots of wear! It was time for an updated 21st century Atlas. National Geographic is known for it's Maps and Books. This is a great source of information that can travel with you in a backpack, pocket or purse wherever you may go! I love the fact that it is color coded. Filled with useful information about the world including the oceans, countries and flags. Very similar to my last version except that the world has changed a bit in the last 30 years!

I read a lot of history and travel books and this comes in very handy if the book itself doesn't have adequate maps in it. Very good reference item.

Very small in size but quite detailed. You need glass to view many pages, however.

This has been helpful to have at my side when I'm reading some non-fiction in which place names are given and I want a better idea of their location. The only drawback to this atlas is that the parts of the maps near the inside spine are difficult to read without chancing opening the book up so much that you break the spine. But so far that hasn't happened to me.

Neat little book that covers each geographic area of the world fairly equally. Includes many reference guides such as vegetation and water tables. Unfortunately the binding of the book is pretty tight so anything in the gutter is obfuscated. For a book this small it's possible that a ringed binder would have worked better.

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