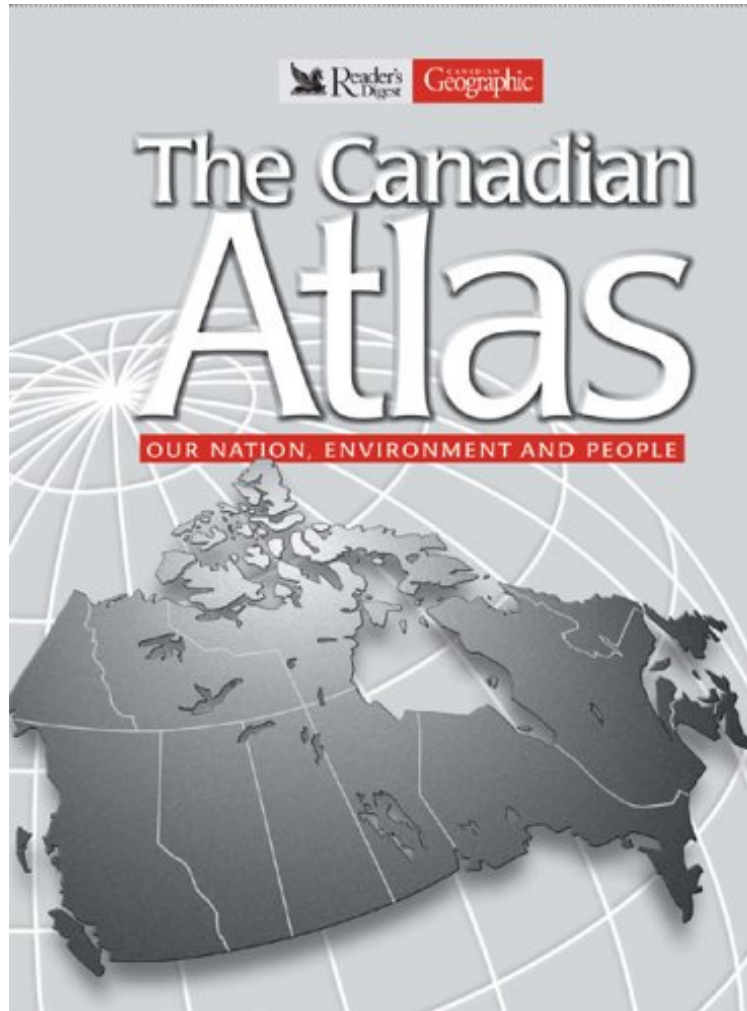


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great book By Claire Taylor Great book. This book gives a great insight into Canada - weather systems, basic history, flora and fauna, industries etc. Great information, well laid out and easy to understand. It has an atlas of Canada in the second half of the book. My only grumble would be that some of the maps were not consecutive, eg trying to find the link between Vancouver and the Okanagan didn't flow, but other than that, no complaints. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A winner and a bargain By D. Reed I would have expected to pay much more for a such a high quality and informative atlas. The maps are very detailed and easy to read. There is also a large section of accompanying text relating to landforms, weather, vegetation, the

economy, history and demographics etc. including many graphs and illustrative photos, as well as a comprehensive index of places.

Book by Editors of Reader's Digest, Canadian Geographic

From School Library Journal Grade 7 Up This impressive offering provides comprehensive coverage of the human and physical geography of Canada. Opening with splashy color photographs of the nation's landscape, including many aerial and satellite images, it subdivides the country into 20 areas (15 terrestrial and 5 maritime) under the headings of 6 natural regions. This chunking of the nation's vast geography offers a manageable approach to the study of its many regions. Through text, sidebars, charts, graphs, and time lines, the atlas also provides an excellent overview of Canada's population from its earliest peoples to the present. Current statistical information, obtained from Statistics Canada, gives an up-to-date picture of daily life. Forty-two regional, well-indexed maps make up the bulk of the book, and sidebars are effectively used to highlight points of interest. All major bodies of water, provinces, and territories are labeled in both French and English. A collection of city maps, focusing on some of the largest urban centers, follows. (The city maps are not indexed.) A thematic subject index offers easy access to the information. This is a large volume, a bit awkward to use because of its size, but the cartography is excellent and the attention to detail is notable. It stands equally well among others of the genre and certainly deserves a place in Canadian libraries.

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From Booklist Given that Canada is the second largest country in the world--more than nine million square kilometers--and comprises numerous climatic and geographic conditions, providing a good Canadian atlas is a daunting challenge. Intended for both a Canadian and international audience, this atlas breaks down Canada's diverse landmass into its six geographic regions as well as more than twenty "eco zones." Of particular note are the thematic pages introducing Canada as a country and containing two-page spreads with brief facts about weather, history, communications and transportation networks, people, and future challenges. The short facts, supported by attractive images, deliver a snapshot of who Canadians are and where they live. Emphasis on sustainability and diversity is a running thread throughout the atlas. The maps were produced by Map Media, a large mapmaking company in Canada, with credit also given to a variety of private entities and Canadian federal and provincial government agencies involved in mapmaking. The country is divided into 42 regions, moving east from "Western British Columbia" to "North Shore, Quebec/Newfoundland and Labrador" and then north to "Arctic Islands." Each map shows roads, terrain, parks, and cities and towns with scales in proportion to the region covered. The maps are easy to read with clear fonts and employ more than 60 symbols. Sidebars accompanying each map contain noteworthy facts about points of local interest; for example, "Canada's wettest place is Ocean Falls, where the average annual precipitation is 4,826mm." A feature to note is the section of maps of core downtown areas for more than 30 Canadian cities. Some of these maps cover a full page or more, although scale and distance are not given. Elsewhere, scales and measurement use the Canadian metric system rather than inches, feet, and miles. The index of place-names is complete, with more than 30,000 places-names and locations listed. Using the index, Plum Coulee, Manitoba; Vulcan, Saskatchewan; and Joe Batt's Arm in Newfoundland and Labrador were easy to find. This colorful and educational look at Canada from a geographic perspective would be of use in any school library where Canada is part of the curriculum. It would also be a useful addition to any library supporting a Canadian studies program or located near the Canadian border.

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