

The Kingfisher Reference Atlas: An A-Z Guide to Countries of the World

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Brian Williams : The Kingfisher Reference Atlas: An A-Z Guide to Countries of the World before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Kingfisher Reference Atlas: An A-Z Guide to Countries of the World:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I love this atlasBy Alison M.I am over 50 years old and love this atlas. Whenever I am reading the news or a novel and hear of events occurring in a foreign country, I pull out this colorful and compact atlas to get an idea of where this country is and something about it. On the top of each page are facts about that country such as population, area, language spoken, religion, per capita income, etc. We've had this atlas for many years and I use it frequently. I was hoping there would be an updated edition - as facts about each country have often dramatically changed, such as population, etc. etc. Even with some facts outdated, I know I will continue to use this great atlas.

Containing information about all of the world's countries, a full-color reference atlas features completely current entries, illustrated relief maps, and more than five hundred graphs, charts, and diagrams.

From School Library JournalGrade 4-8-Visually appealing but poorly organized, this atlas falls short. Overloaded with maps, graphs, statistics, flags, and historical overviews, each page (in some cases two to three pages) is devoted to a

particular nation. While primarily alphabetical, arbitrary lapses into a geographical arrangement are frequent. For example, Andorra is placed with Spain, San Marino with Italy, and Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia are found together under "Baltic States." Cross-references are useful but sometimes run the entire length of the upper margin. Entries for continents, oceans, and large areas such as "Oceania" and "The Arctic" are related but confusing interjections. While most of the primary maps are fairly detailed (and the perfect size for class project covers), the contour and positional maps are approximately two square inches in size. Graphs displaying population trends and climatic conditions are equally tiny. Historical information is sketchy, and in the case of the former Yugoslavia, so bare bones that readers could conclude that all problems in that area have been resolved. Until something better comes along, rely on The World Book Encyclopedia and The World Almanac. Alicia Eames, Brooklyn Public Library Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc.