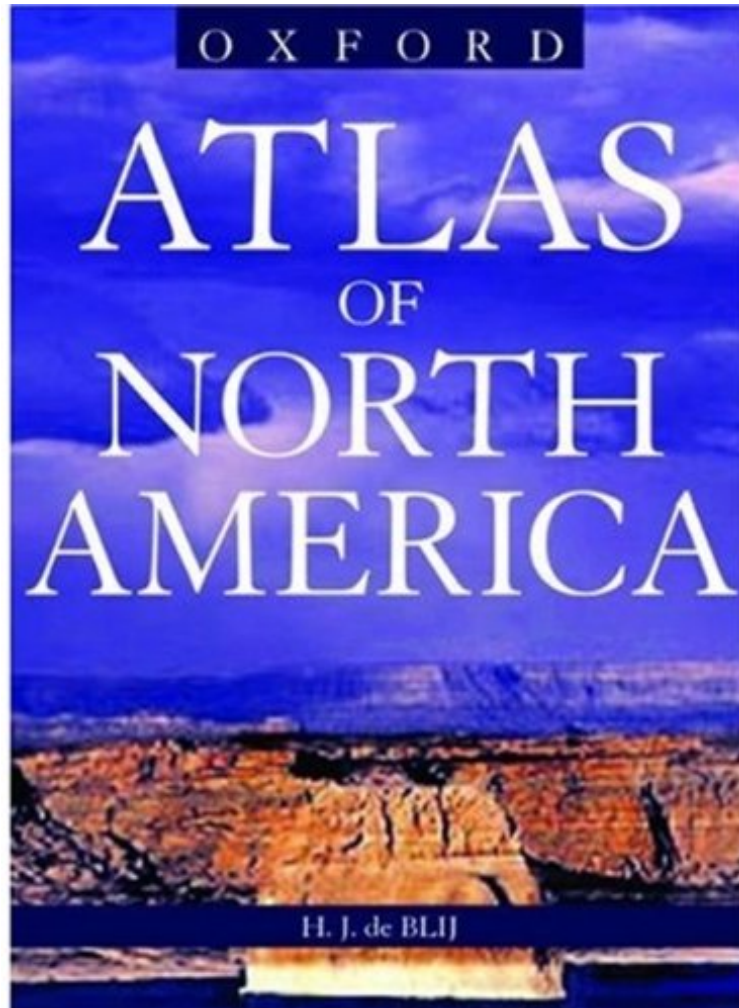


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From Oxford University Press : Atlas of North America before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Atlas of North America:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. somewhat a disappointmentBy J. JanssenHaving previously purchased the Oxford Atlas of the World I was expecting a similar volume devoted to NA and it's largest singular component, the United States. What I got was a beautifully produced book authored by people who clearly view the United States as a foreign country. Don't get me wrong, the maps are exquisitely rendered and the statistical tables and graphs are accurate as far as I can tell, but it was curiously lacking in certain key components and made some odd choices of emphasis. As an example, the atlas is devoid of the typical "mileage between cities" chart, a useful addendum commonly included with atlases. Additionally, at least in the case of California, the authors made some odd choices that I can only assume are mistakes. For example, in the "state bio" section there is a brief summary of each

state and a smaller bio of the states' capital accompanied with a small map and one or two pictures. In California's case the picture next to Sacramento is that of San Diego's downtown waterfront. The atlas completely short shrifts the U.S. capital. There is only one index reference to Washington D.C. and that's a single page map showing Maryland, Delaware and The District of Columbia lumped together. In the "state/capital bio" section they combine Washington with Maryland and don't provide any more information on D.C. than they do on Annapolis. Finally, there is a city street map section later in the book where the nation's capital shares space on one page with Tampa and St. Petersburg. To compare Washington D.C. with all the nation's memorials, the Smithsonian complex, the houses of Congress, the White House and the nearby Civil War battlefields with Florida's medium size twin cities doesn't show much respect nor does it provide any differentiation between a national capital and ordinary cities; especially when you consider that all of the Canadian provincial capitals and Mexico City received significantly more coverage. It is a beautiful book, but badly edited by people who should know better. It's also a bit of a let down compared to the Oxford Atlas of the World which I would rate with 5 stars. POST REVIEW: 's pricing has been all over the map (terrible pun intended). At one point they were charging \$120 for this atlas while I paid less than \$30 for it directly from just a few years ago. When I first started using they were a fair price merchant that offered a vast selection of products with efficient online purchasing and reliable UPS/FedEx door to door delivery. They've now adopted an auction style pricing matrix featuring screen name third party businesses and often faulty hy-brid shipping schemes that rely on USPS fulfillment. Not an improvement, in my opinion. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Incorrect information By Connecticut bookworm I bought this atlas several months ago, and loved it. However, I just discovered a major mistake on page 6: Birmingham is listed as the capital of Alabama. (I checked elsewhere to make sure that the capital had not moved from Montgomery.) If this basic information is incorrect, it makes me wonder how many other errors exist, and if I can trust only the information that I know from other sources. Very disappointing! 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A very Good reference Atlas By Vinay J This is a very Good Atlas. It is split into 3 sections. Speciality Maps like Minerals, Climate etc. followed by State Maps (Some States are clubbed together) and the Last section is of State wise info and City Maps of Big Cities. The Maps are of very high Quality with clear labelling of locations. Good introduction to North American Geography. Please not that North America here is defined as Canada, Us and Mexico Only.

At the heart of this new and comprehensive atlas of the three largest countries of North America is a unique thematic section covering physical, historic, economic, urban, social, and cultural topics ranging from environmental change to religious practice and from indigenous peoples to migration patterns. These newly drawn maps depict an increasingly multicultural and diverse realm in momentous economic and social transition. The thematic section is preceded by a series of spectacular satellite images and followed by detailed cartographic, statistical and narrative coverage of each of the realm's three nations. Regional maps of states and provinces and larger-scale maps of urban areas are accompanied by fascinating information and useful data. In combination, these components make the new Atlas of North America an unparalleled tool for research as well as reference, a teaching device as well as a study source, a travel guide and a book of learning. All of this is facilitated by an all-inclusive, particularized index. The modern and current Atlas of North America is an indispensable item in any professional or personal library.

From School Library Journal Starred . Grade 5 Up This exhaustive, authoritative resource presents a dynamic view of Canada, the U.S., and Mexico. Well organized, with an appropriate balance of written and visual material, the book opens with two pages of statistics that provide information on the population, capital, and area of states, provinces, and largest cities; records pertaining to temperatures, rainfall, and volcanic eruptions; and largest rivers and lakes, etc. Accessible text and accurate, colorful thematic maps with informative captions analyze the region detailing such aspects as climate, weather, population, immigration, and trade and telecommunications. Coverage of the individual states and provinces includes statistical data; lucid, relevant narratives; and color photographs. In addition, there are large-scale maps of the largest cities, regional maps, satellite images, and many charts and graphs. An extensive index with latitude and longitude notations, grid references, place names, and geographic features rounds out the package. Atlas of the World (Oxford, 2004, 12th ed.) will complement this priority purchase. Hillary Jan Donitz-Goldstein, formerly at New York Public Library Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist Oxford has joined Reader's Digest (Atlas of America, 1998) and National Geographic (Atlas of North America, 1985) in publishing a regional atlas. This new volume stretches the boundaries by including Mexico as well as Canada and the U.S. It is said to replace the second edition of Oxford's Regional Economic Atlas of the United States and Canada, published in 1975. The first section of the source under review contains physical, cultural, economic, political, and geographic maps of the region. Interesting maps include one of women in state legislatures and another of land use by commodity--corn, hogs, soybeans, etc. Regional country maps are included as well as maps of the 50 states of the U.S., 13 provinces of Canada, and 32 states of Mexico. Most of the U.S. states have a full page (eleven inches by fifteen inches), but some, such as New Hampshire and Vermont, and Tennessee and Kentucky, are combined on a page. The majority of the excellent cartography is by Phillips, but MapQuest supplied a number of city

maps, which are in separate sections under each country. There are current city-center maps of Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, New York, Washington, Montreal, and Mexico City. For each country, there is a section that provides a page of encyclopedic information for every state or province, including a box of demographic, economic, and geographic statistics--persons with a disability, home-ownership rate, minority-owned firms, persons per square mile, etc.--with comparisons to the country as a whole. Although many of the Mexican maps have more than one state on a page, the maps are more detailed than those in a world atlas. Much of the encyclopedic and statistical information will not be found in the usual reference sources. The Canadian provincial maps are large, with Nunavut, Southern British Columbia, and Southern Alberta each on a two-page spread. The inclusive index lists cities and physical features with a grid location and longitude and latitude. Since the Internet still does not provide the clarity or depth of a good atlas, the Atlas of North America will be a useful source in school, academic, and public libraries. Christine Bulson
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