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A.Jon Kimerling : Atlas of the Pacific Northwest before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Atlas of the Pacific Northwest:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy CustomerVery good Useful information and mapping2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Still an excellent resource, though it excludes recent census dataBy Nathan BThis excellent book is now somewhat dated in that it does not include the 2010 census or other more recent data, but remains an excellent resource. There really isn't any other way to learn as much about the northwest in so little time. This book defines the Pacific Northwest as Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.This book contains eighteen chapters as follows: The Region, Cultural-Historical Geography, Population, Transportation, Landforms and Geology, Land Use, Climate, Vegetation, Agriculture, Forest Resources/Ownership/Harvest, Soils, Water Resources, Energy Resources and Distribution, Ocean Resources, Minerals and Mining, Manufacturing and Service Industries, Outdoor Recreation and Tourism, and Hunting and Fishing.The chapters on Landforms/Geology and Vegetation were next to useless for laymen being far too technical with little attempt to explain themselves (but are also very brief). The remainder of the chapters were excellent. The sections on Water Resources, Land Use, Agriculture, Transportation, and "The Region" were most illuminating.For instance, the chapter on Agriculture has 19 small maps, each showing the distribution of different agricultural products from wheat to apples to milk cows. The same chapter also had a chart showing farmland growth and decline by selected counties, a map showing the number of farms, the percent of farms owned by corporations, irrigated land, and the % change in number of farms. Another table shows the land in farms and farmland use. Still another map gives a detailed showing of croplands that differentiates between irrigated and non-

irrigated. All this in addition to several photos, still more charts/maps, and a compelling and clear text covering agricultural issues and regional variation across the Pacific Northwest. I found it relatively easy to follow. The book itself is rather short, but they are big pages and packed full of info. Well worth a read if you want to understand the region better. It took me about the amount of time it would normally take to read a 300 page nonfiction book.

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.com The Pacific Northwest, comprised of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho, contain a lot of contrasts. There's sagebrush desert, rugged coastline and sand dunes, wheatlands, mountain ranges, and rainforests. There are conservative regions, liberal pockets, a lot of farmland, and major big cities. To get a true grasp of what makes the Northwest the sort of place that it is, it's worthwhile reviewing the rigorous research compiled by Jackson and Kimerling. There's a comprehensive overview of the geographical history, including early exploration, principal Indian groups and reservations, and immigration routes. There are chapters on population, transportation, and who owns which lands, chapters on geology, climate, soil, and water. The vegetation is explored, from the Ponderosa Pine to the Quaking Aspen, and energy resources are given the same thorough treatment. The rest of the atlas is devoted to the industries of the Pacific Northwest, and it's indispensable to anyone pursuing business there. The chapter on agriculture covers everything from number of farms and value per acre to the wheat, barley, corn, hay, apples, grapes, pigs and sheep they grow. Commercial timberland, a divisive subject in the Northwest, is explained, and there are similarly expansive chapters on ocean resources, minerals and mining, manufacturing, and the big economy booster, tourism. For anyone wanting to move to the area, do business there, or travel with a well-informed understanding of the region, this atlas is full of value.