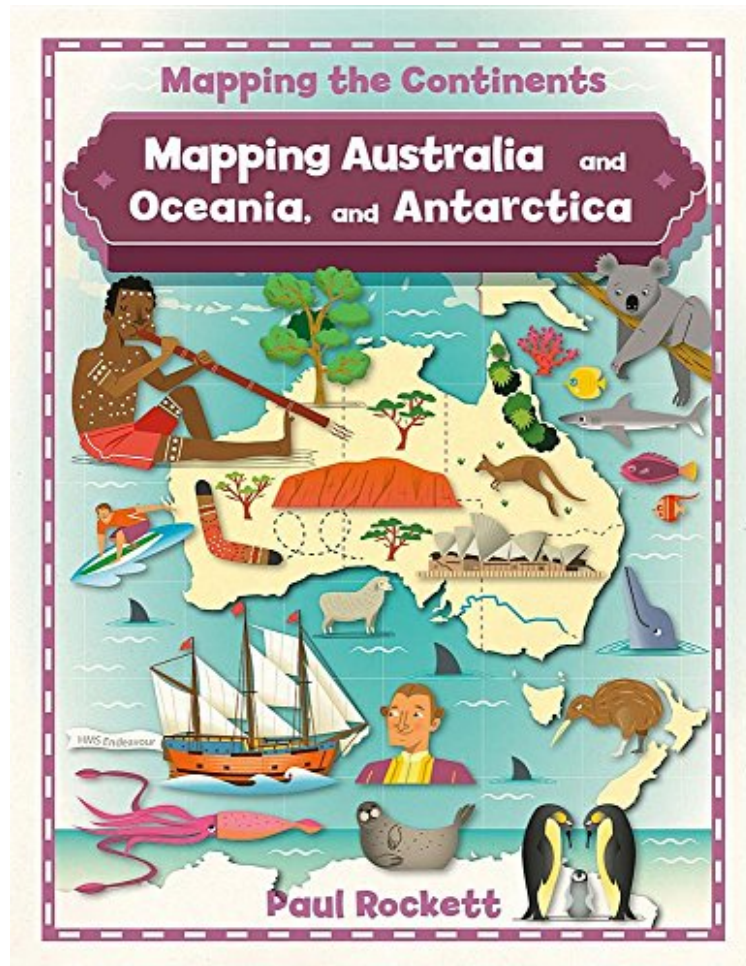


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Yet another good entry in the series. By John Rogers Clark IV Another in a very good series, this covers a part of the world that's got lots of island chains/groups as well as vast ocean areas and uninhabited land. The country map differs from others in the series by showing how Australia is divided into seven states. It also describes the varied island regions-Pacific Islands, Melanesia, Polynesia and Micronesia. An interesting entry includes a series of examples of Aboriginal mapping, showing how they described such natural phenomena as waterholes, cliffs and stars. The history of European invasions and colonial control follows

this. The climate page talks about El Nino and brushfires, describing how they affect weather and environment. Unique animals like the Tasmanian Devil and marsupials now have to compete with animals brought from Europe by settlers like rabbits that are now considered a pest. The region has some amazing natural landmarks like Uluru, as well as man made ones like the statues on Easter Island and a four page spread covers these nicely. Settlements come next and include a color-coded map of which parts of Australia and Tasmania are considered indigenous land. The culture section is interesting, describing such things as boomerangs, didgeridoos and how important tattoos are to the native cultures. Have you ever heard of Bush tucker, Lamingtons or Bougna? You can read about them in the food section. Like the rest in this series, it's an information and visually rich reference aimed at younger kids. It's a worthwhile addition or replacement for school and public libraries.

Detailed photos and full-color maps help take readers on a fascinating visual journey through the diverse and intriguing continents of Australia and Oceania, and Antarctica! This book's appealing format highlights the facts about the human and physical geography of these continents. Readers will put their analytical skills to use to interpret different types of maps as sources of information, from physical maps that show the region's landmarks to political maps that teach about the region's countries to interesting cultural and thematic maps.

About the Author Since landing on planet Earth, Paul Rockett has spent much of his time reading up on the adventures of human life, while also experiencing a few of his own. In his quest to find out more about his chosen home planet, Paul has travelled, doodled, eaten a lot of food, plundered dusty libraries and gazed out of windows. Having gathered together a vast amount of fascinating data, it is now his mission to present as much as he can in interesting ways, so that any passing Martian can see how brilliant life is on Earth.