



## Synopsis

The DK First Atlas brings each continent and country to life, making geographic concepts easy to understand. Packed with detailed pictorial maps specially designed for young readers, this First Reference title is an invaluable learning tool for home and elementary school.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 8 - 12 years

Grade Level: 3 - 7

## Customer Reviews

This is an excellent and inviting book for children who want to learn about world geography. It gives an overview of the different types of maps and atlases, topography, climates, and oceans. Also contained are illustrations of flags of the world. Each region contains several beautiful photographs and illustrations. These, along with charts, and the large, easy-to-read text, provide information about wildlife, food, natural resources, agriculture, architecture, monuments, landscape and terrain, sports, music, typical clothing, and interesting facts. The globe is on the introductory page of each region. This is particularly helpful because the region being explored is colored red, making it easy for kids to visualize where in the world they are looking. There is also a compass on the introductory pages for each region. An earlier reviewer suggested that people were half-naked. There are no photos of anyone that exposes what would normally be covered by a bathing suit. The one exception to this is the photo of sumo wrestler. He is wearing his mawashi, the thick belt that doesn't cover much of his behind. I would not hesitate to use this book with children. Even young teens

enjoy looking at this visual feast for the eyes and picking up tidbits of information.

I'm generally impressed by this book as a resource for teaching young children about the world, but even the US edition I have strikes me as very much oriented toward the British world view. The main thing that bothers me is that the main thing they consider interesting about Ireland is... Guinness beer! Also, the "Southern Ocean" is included, which I didn't think was recognized by US schools. Unless something changed recently, I always thought there were four oceans: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian and Arctic.

Has plenty of good pictures and does introduce kids to various places, but it does not really serve well as an atlas. For purposes of teaching the shapes of countries, where mountain ranges are, what the big cities are, and such things one learns from an atlas, this is very poor. The pages are a bit too busy. Less would have been more.

It's a typical DK book - incredibly high quality photographs and thought provoking info. Most importantly they didn't just fill it up with "something"; they truly did put in the most interesting, famous, important things about most countries, as far as I can tell. The only "error" I found was that a few of the US state capitals weren't printed. The book's publisher is British, while the coloring was done in Singapore, the publishing in NYC, and the printing and bounding in Slovakia -- i.e. it truly seems they didn't spare an expense for an incredible book - from our world, about our world. I am an adult and it makes me feel excited, privileged, and grateful that I am a part of the incredible world they present. Wish I had this as a kid so I recommend it for every 7-12+ year old. (I can't see/read a single thing that makes it "from a UK point of view" - these 4 countries actually get MUCH less space than USA and others)

Bought this for my 5yo son who is endlessly curious about the world around him. This is a beautiful book that he is happy to sit and read for long chunks of time. Pictures are interesting enough that he can look by himself, and then we can read over the details and teach him ourselves as well. Really enjoy this series, have several already. Love DK. Would recommend highly.

Oh my goodness this is just an awesome book for children and adults. The book is very nicely organized and very visual. I purchased the book for my 8 year old nephew and he loves it. Everytime I visit him I alway end up reading it. I love this book.

You won't find a better atlas for young children that can be used in so many ways to learn about the world and all its parts. What you see during the LOOK INSIDE! is what you see for every continent. Great for geography, and greater still for understanding the world and the people who live in different places and how they live there.

We're using this book to supplement our homeschooling curriculum, and we're really enjoying it! My girls are 7 and almost-6. The 7-year-old, especially, loves picking through the pictures and tidbits of information on each page. As another reviewer mentioned, sometimes the highlights for a particular country aren't necessarily my top choices, but I don't think that should lessen the book's rating. The pictures are magnificent, the information is well laid out, and my kids and I get a good, basic introduction to a geographical area and its culture(s). We use this book in conjunction with the books Children Just Like Me and Geography Songs. We also recently added the Brain Box "Around the World" game. We're loving geography!

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