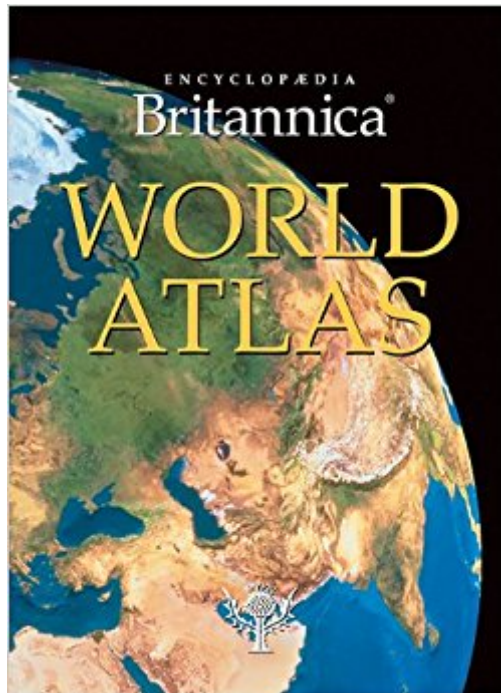




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Printing quality is amazing!

I received this atlas from today, although I actually ordered the earlier 2007 edition. Not sure what happened there...In a move away from its traditional alliances, Encyclopaedia Britannica has entrusted map production to the well known British publisher Dorling Kindersley Ltd., something of which I was unaware until I opened the book. DK is not considered one of the great atlas publishers. However, I was pleasantly surprised at the quality of the maps, which have excellent natural physical detail, are easy to read and pleasant to the eye. There is something distasteful about computer generated mapping. It is not as 'beautiful' as older hand-drawn maps. However, this is a problem with virtually every new atlas and, as mentioned above, Dorling Kindersley has done a good job in the aesthetics department. Toponymical detail is somewhat lacking, but comparison with the classic Rand McNally editions of the Britannica Atlas revealed that the DK maps are, in SOME cases, on a larger scale and superior. Details of ancient sites are also lacking (there was somewhat more detail in R. McN. editions). The supplementary section with thematic maps is on par with other atlases of the same price range. The index is excellent, with full geographic co-ordinates and alternative or former names (e.g. Leningrad / St Petersburg, Bombay / Mumbai &c). The quality of manufacture and binding has definitely gone down the drain. The classic Britannica Atlases were printed in the USA, externally attractive, very durable and had the feel of quality. By contrast, this edition is printed cheaply in Singapore, and the cover has a very cheap feel to it; another kick in the teeth for the British / American printing industry. In fact, the whole book has a rather 'cheapish' feel to it, even though its content is quite respectable. In summary, I am satisfied with this atlas, which should suffice for general usage and is broadly similar to the classic Britannica Atlas in terms of coverage and scale. Available new for as little as \$60, it is very good value for money. However, some retailers are charging >\$100, so shop around. Those with heavier demands should opt for The Times Atlas of the World, Comprehensive Edition.

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