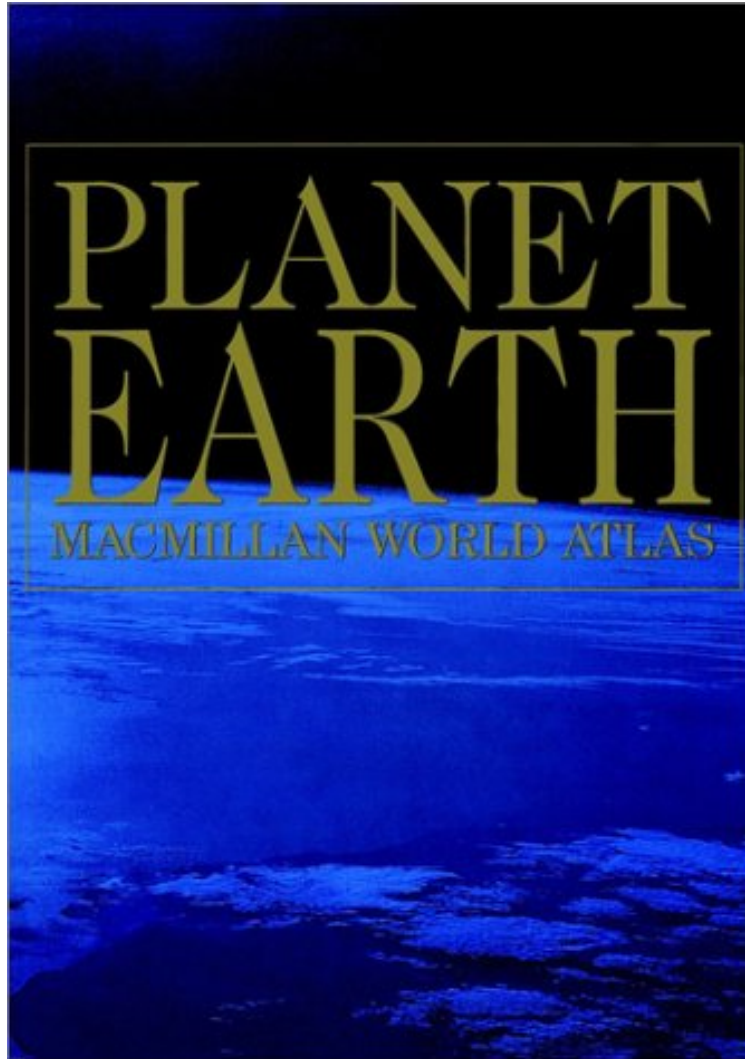


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can be a plus or a minus, depending on the part of the world you are looking at. As another reviewer noted, for a congested place like Western Europe and a lot of small islands, this atlas is not the best resource. On the other hand, for less developed areas that most atlases give short shrift, this has some of the best mapping out there. Moreover, no other atlas in such a compact format has this level of detail. Indeed, many much larger atlases don't have this kind of detail. Overall, it's a terrific atlas at a fantastic price. Now if only they would update and reissue the atlas series.⁵ of 5 people found the following review helpful. Look at it before buying

By Darrell
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By A Customer
This is the most beautiful atlas I have seen in a long time. I make maps for a living, and I find this atlas' use of color to correspond to the actual vegetation on the earth a very inspiring and informative bonus. Why should maps be colored by country when they can be colored by what's really on the earth? All of the maps except for the last section of special closeups of the United States are all the same scale, 1:5,000,000, so you can look at the Nile and flip to where you live and see how long it really is. The constant scale means with this atlas, maps of parts of the world that previously were shown as tiny places in other atlases are shown at last in beautiful color and plenty of detail. A hearty recommendation, an outstanding bargain.

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Accuracy A major advantage of creating a digitized cartographic database is that it allows continuous updating as the world changes. Shifts in boundaries, names, and features are incorporated as they occur. Thus the maps in Planet Earth Macmillan World Atlas are completely up-to-date. In addition, the plotting of latitude and longitude of every coastline, river, city, and mountain are more precise and accurate here than in any previous atlas.

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