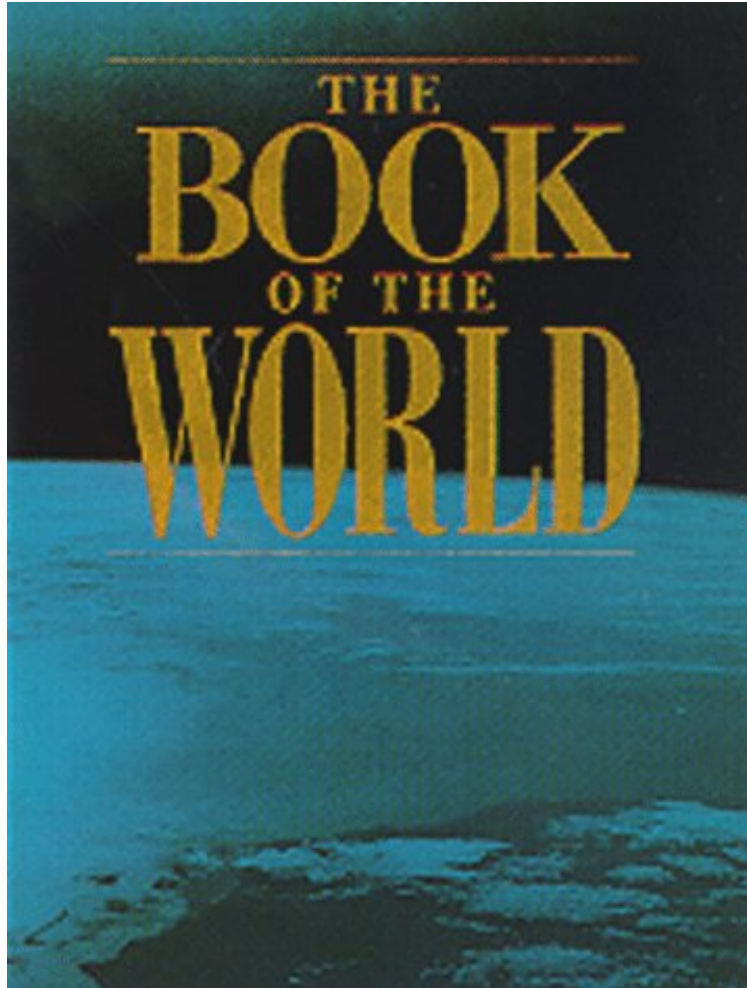



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Kartographisches Institut Bertelsmann : The Book of the World before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Book of the World:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Huge and Unique, but Major Shortcomings By R. Keeney I own at around 10 world atlases and this is the biggest of the bunch. It is far too big to view without setting it on a table. There are two things which make this atlas stand out from all other atlases. First, it maps out the entire world at a scale of 1:4,000,000. This allows the reader to directly compare different areas by size. Compared to traditional atlases, this results in places like Europe and the USA being covered in less detail, but the rest of the world in greater detail. Secondly, this atlas colors its maps based on a fusion of landcover (deserts, forest, crops, etc) and elevation. Areas are colored according to how they look from space, but as elevation goes up the colors become paler. This atlas also features a very good section describing all the types of landcover on earth (including man-made) with each of the 20ish types taking up two of its huge pages. This atlas also features a fold-out world map. Terrain relief shading is also

present on the map plates. These unique features do not come without shortcomings. First, it is not as comprehensive as the slightly smaller Times Comprehensive Atlas of the World in terms of place names. Secondly, because of the way country borders are drawn, they can be very difficult to discern. However, this atlas's greatest flaw lies in the way it labels things. For some reason, they chose to highlight places of arbitrary significance with a big yellow or green box around the label. This highlighting is distracting and completely blocks out the area beneath the label. I also cannot figure out their logic in determining whether a place is "significant" or not. These factors can combine to make some areas look like a total mess. I would not use this atlas for examining western Europe at all because the combination of the smaller scale, blocky labeling, and faint borders make the map almost incomprehensible. Despite these shortcomings, I would still have to recommend this atlas for all cartophiles because of its unique characteristics and its very low price.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. **AN IMMENSE, SPECTACULAR AND MOST MAJESTIC ATLAS !!!**. By Ian Moodie Without any doubt, **THE BOOK OF THE WORLD** is truly the most immense and majestic ATLAS I've ever seen, this fine book is indeed a complete spectacle!! I've had a love for ATLASES since I was ten years old, I've seen quite a few which are indeed excellent, but when it comes to raw large scale mapping, none can compete with **THE BOOK OF THE WORLD!!**. **THE TIMES COMPREHENSIVE ATLAS OF THE WORLD** is much more comprehensive overall because it pays much more attention to EUROPE, JAPAN, NEW ZEALAND, SOUTH AFRICA, HONG KONG, THE CARIBBEAN and SINGAPORE and have more entries but the scale of the other maps in **THE BOOK OF THE WORLD** at 1:4 000 000 throughout its main section is greater. You are now given the opportunity to compare the size of land masses. Mapped in natural color with a three dimensional effect, it is almost as if you're looking at the Earth itself!! I have never ever seen mapping presented in this way in any other ATLAS. This feature makes this ATLAS truly unique. The focus on SOUTH AMERICA and AFRICA is most paramount here. Even the most remote regions of the world have gotten specialized attention!!.

Three major shortcomings.. EUROPE is almost completely overlooked, completely ill treated!!!. A scale of 1: 4 000 000 is of absolutely no use for that part of the world. EUROPE needs large scale MAPS. A section with a scale of 1:2 000 000 would do justice. Borderlines could be more vivid, they are hard to discern at times and at times and there is also blocky labeling, it tampers with the MAP RELIEF. Now on the plus side, there is a section that describes all the world's major landscapes and another that provides excellent essays on most of the world's great cities. Plus there are OCEAN FLOOR MAPS as well. Another section Maps the entire world at a scale of 1: 12 000 000. We got two fold out satellite and physical relief MAPS too. Also another part zooms in on THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA and SOUTHERN CANADA at a large scale of 1: 2 000 000. Well done.

First, this ATLAS is truly immense, it's about 24 by 14 inches and weighs about 17 pounds, it is as imposing as it is luxurious.. Its sheer presence is magnificent.. The largest and heaviest ATLAS I've ever seen!! Loaded with stunning satellite and ground photographs, world statistics, presented on thick glossy pages, you will experience the world as never before!! This edition of **THE BOOK OF THE WORLD** was published in the year 1999, which makes it a tad classical. I wonder if another edition will ever be issued.... An ATLAS, to me is a very, very special book, it shows you where you are and where you might be. The entire world is right at your fingertips and you can go where ever you want!! It's the only book I've wept for as a child. I just can't seem to get enough MAPS. From ever since I've been searching for one that will end my quest and **THE BOOK OF THE WORLD** has done just that, I am now satisfied!!! If you want grand, elegant large scale mapping of the entire world, then look no further because this awesome ATLAS have it all and then some, very highly recommended to the person with such discerning taste. Once discovered, you will agree that despite some shortcomings, this is indeed one of the most grand, elegant and most majestic ATLAS ever produced!!.

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. **Stunning** By A Customer This atlas is a superb coffee-table eye catcher, containing many marvelous wonderfully-detailed color photographs from space as well as finely detailed maps of everywhere. It makes a great addition to any waiting room set up to impress the client.

A massive (14x20.5) reference on the wonders of the natural world that could equally serve as an art book for the coffee-table. It begins with 24 pages of satellite pictures of landmarks such as Mount Kilimanjaro, the Amazon, and the Grand Canyon, followed by 64 pages of closer-up photographs of land