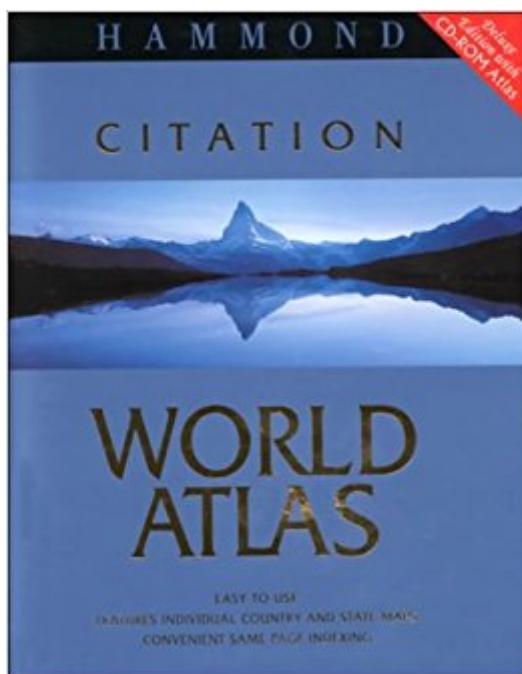


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street maps, road maps, atlases. language-learning, bilingual dictionaries, and travel-related products covering countries, cities, and languages in every continent.

First of all, the CD-ROM was missing. There was no mention of it not being included as part of the purchase. So that was a disappointment. Secondly, we bought this as a replacement of an older (1988) version of the Hammond Citation World Atlas, and it is just an adequate replacement. We are happy to have an atlas that is not falling apart and is (mostly) current--it has publication date of 2000--but this version is several inches smaller in size; therefore the maps themselves are smaller. It has 30 fewer pages than our 1988 version (328 vs. 356), but so far I haven't discovered what is missing or has been consolidated. I liked our previous Hammond Atlas for its presentation of the information and the different formats of each area--topography, climate, vegetation, etc., and this atlas has that. It also has a gazetteer that provides additional information, like the older version. It is nicely organized with indexes to make locating what I am looking for easier. My chief disappointment lies in the smaller size and the lack of the CD-ROM. In the future, I will be much more careful in buying a used item that has a peripheral "included", as well as adjusting my expectations when trying to replace an old favorite.

Book was advertised in good condition. Not even close. Pages torn. Note writing inside in multiple places & colors. Cover is creased in multiple places, edges bent & curled. Shud picture as is, not as new one would be.

Excellent. Just what I wanted as a gift for my college student. She loves it.

Wonderful small world atlas. Works well with my hobby of Amateur Radio. Great for looking up counties of states. Much good information.

This is an excellent atlas, particularly for school projects on the U.S., with individual state maps contained on one page (truly a rarity in the atlas world); county boundaries, larger cities and county seats marked clearly; small but nicely done topographic maps of each state; pictures of state flags; and basic state agriculture, industry and resource maps. Similar info on rest of world too. Highly recommended for library, school, or home.

I have the 1991, 1999 and 2004 editions (and am hoping for a new edition soon with updates from

the 2010 U.S. census). It is the only atlas I use, other than historical and road atlases. I can look up any significant town in the world and its population, as well as see flags, and physical (topography), climatic, demographic (major religions and languages), and land use (vegetation, crops and mining) information all in one book. There're even occasional historical maps (traditional divisions of Ireland, divided Germany, Dutch polders, old provinces of France, land acquisition by the U.S.), time zones and ocean topography. And as a real bonus that you can't generally get on a wall map, it shows Antarctica. It has insets for cities when more detail is required (major insets for Hong Kong and Brasilia), and includes full-page maps for the cities of Washington, New York, Chicago and Los Angeles that are not quite street maps. The very back has lists of longest rivers, highest mountains, etc. In short, this atlas almost never fails to help with a crossword puzzle or trivia quiz or putting world news in perspective. The separate indexes are helpful. If you have no idea what country a city is in, you can find out on the internet; but if you start with a country, you can use the atlas to see what's there and ignore what's not, for simplicity and speed. A few maps are split between facing pages, but there's a margin at the binding so that nothing is obscured.

Let me begin with some minor critical points: I believe that, for the book's price, the color quality is primitive and tacky. Also, a portion of the maps are too small. That said, however, there are several qualities that make this, in my opinion, the finest World Atlas ever printed: One: if you enjoy atlases for precise political detail, the Hammond Citation Atlas is the most precise of them all. After surveying every atlas in Borders and Barnes & Noble, I found that 99% of the "prettier" and more expensive books failed to present the political subdivisions of nations, except the US, Canada, sometimes Australia, and, once in a blue moon, Mexico. Hammond Citation, on the other hand, gives you EVERYTHING, no over-simplification, no mediocrity, no pretty but academically useless movie-poster maps. If you believe, as I do, that reference books should provide reference, this fine volume is the only one that fits that bill. Two: This Atlas does not ignore the existence of small territories, as many of the "finer" atlases do. If you want to find St. Helena (UK) in the South Atlantic, by George, you will find it. I have great respect for Rand McNally, a source of good atlases. Unfortunately, they often don't place Navassa Is. (US), south of Guantanamo, anywhere on earth. Details such as those are the reason I appreciate Hammond. Three: This book does not run its maps into the book seam. I cannot put into words what an importance difference this makes. Four: Most of the maps are excellently proportioned. A few of them are uncomfortably small, like the Caribbean, but these belong to a very small minority. Five: Outside of National Geographic maps, which I consider the best, Hammond's color scheme for political maps is the most clear, logical, useful, and

pleasing to the eye. Political maps are their finest accomplishment. I wholeheartedly recommend this book for those who appreciate concise and precise geographic knowledge in an affordable format, and reject prettier but unscholarly maps in an expensive book you can't use.

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