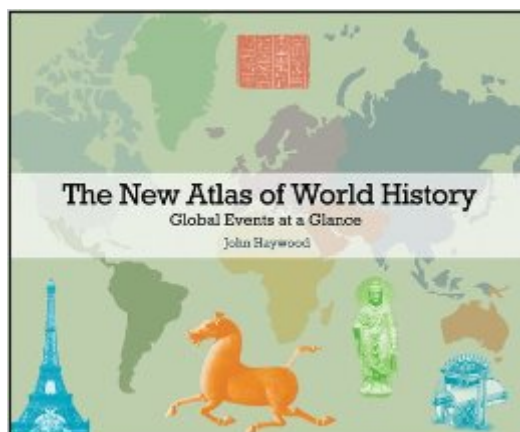


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The New Atlas Of World History: Global Events At A Glance



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I bought this book because I had wanted for a very long time to have a quick reference for world

history: i.e., what was happening in some remote parts of the world at the time of, say, Alexander the Great's conquests. This is where this book excels: it shows you the entire world at a certain date. Here is how the book is constructed: there are 49 political maps + 6 thematic maps*, spanning the human history. The first map presents the beginnings and the spreading of humans across the globe (covering the period between 6 million - 100000 years ago), and the atlas takes us all the way to 2010. Each map spreads over two pages and contains a short 'introductory text' in a column to its left. Both the shorelines and the country borders are 'stylized', meaning they are not true 'satellite-like', but simplified curves. There is a coordinate system of sorts, which shows some parallels and meridians, but it is completely useless because these lines are only visible over the ocean, while the continents sit over them and block them out, so you would not be able to geographically locate a place with their help. On the following two pages you can find a timeline of events that led to the political situation presented on the associated map. Each timeline starts in the year following that of the previous map and ends in the year portrayed by the current map. For example: you have a map of the world in 1650, and the next map shows the globe in 1715. The timeline for this second map goes between 1651 and 1715. The events placed on the timeline are color-coded by geographical area, which is useful. There are also inlaid images throughout the timeline, and these are also color-coded (just like you can see on the cover of the atlas). This is a bad idea overall.

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