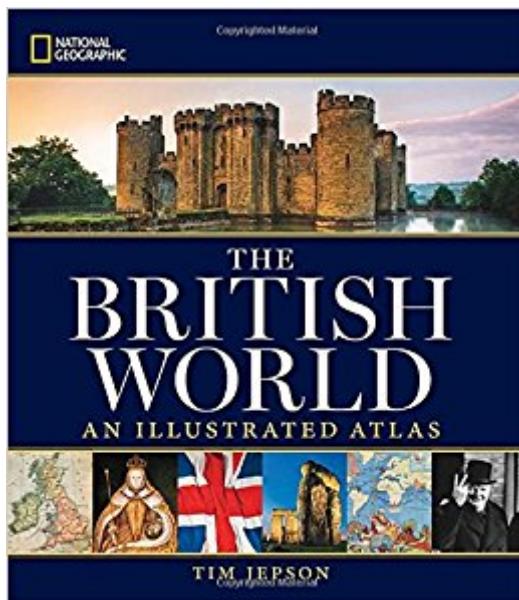


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reference to the short (typically 2-page) subsections within each section (e.g., the dissolution of the monasteries Shakespeare, the age of railroads, Irish home rule). The book is very easy to read either as a complete history or set of topics - It can also serve as a browsing book or as a reference book (though coverage of individual topics is not too deep, given short space devoted to each). I found the book very readable and engaging and able (in those areas - mostly biography - where I had some good knowledge) to provide quite a bit of information in a short space. The book is very well illustrated with great pictures (and annotated) maps throughout. Although some describe it as a coffee table book, it is not a huge book - pages are about 11 by 10 inches and book is about 1 and a quarter inches thick. It is not so large that it can't be easily read. I really liked this book in all respects - it is a good overall history that is both very comprehensive and also accessible - a reader can easily find information on a topic (and the index is quite detailed). Very highly recommended!

Five stars.

This book is published by National Geographic, which hardly ever disappoints in terms of the quality of the books (and magazines) it publishes. Here, this book is about the English world and it's great. This book is organized in a chronological manner from the earliest pre-historic times to the modern time. And it is full of lots of illustrations, including maps, pictures, portraits and similar. This is the kind of book that you can look through and peruse or read from start to finish. The book is full of lots interesting information to keep the reader entertained for a long time. Plus, there is enough detail that after looking through this you emerge with a good sense of the British Isles and of the Empire as well. If you have an interest in the subject, this is a really great book.

Oh, this book is gorgeous! It's big, full colored and chock full of history, maps, and interesting bits of information. From Wars to the Beatles, it's a compendium of all things British. You can read it straight through, or pick and choose the time periods or historical figures that interest you most. While you've learned some of the facts in history class, each section delves into unparalleled detail, giving you a fuller picture of the events and people that shaped Britain - then and now. And, as expected from National Geographic, the photos are glorious. This is a book you'll keep out on your coffee table. It's a showpiece.

I wish all the National Geographic almanacs were presented this way, as illustrated atlases. This is what I wanted as a reference when reading British history. This is what I really want instead of the American and World almanacs I recently bought.

This is a lovely coffee table book about Britain and its history. There are many full color maps, both historical and current, and beautiful pictures. The book gives an excellent overview of Britain's history from the Iron Age to modern day. Obviously it is abridged but it's quite thorough for an atlas. I love the full color photographs. They are simply beautiful and worth it just to look at them. It takes me right back to my travels there. And as an educator, I like to use it for reference. You can get quick facts, time frames, etc. easily. Overall, it is a wonderful book.

This is a gorgeous thick coffee table book that you will pick up and pore over again and again. The photographs are gorgeous, and the book is chock full of maps, timelines, artwork, and rich visuals. The chronological set-up is perfect for reading a bit at a time. Each spread is a separate event or topic with detailed text and one or more visuals. The print is small though not a strain for my eyes. This book would be a perfect gift for the Anglophile in your life or the student about to take AP European History or a college survey course.

This is a very nice-looking and informative coffee table book that would be a great gift for any Anglophile/Downton Abbey enthusiast out there. It is laid out according to historic periods in Britain with a nice balance of text to imagery. It deftly tiptoes around certain periods like the Thatcher years and the Falklands War but gives a fairly accurate description of those volatile times. I would recommend this book for anyone interested in a basic historical primer on the British World.

Beautifully illustrated and I was happy with the way it was shipped. I has a lot of information in it as well but I would say it is information to get people interested in wanting to learn even more. It is not as in depth on British history as it could be but it is an overall very nice book and well worth the money I paid for it.

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