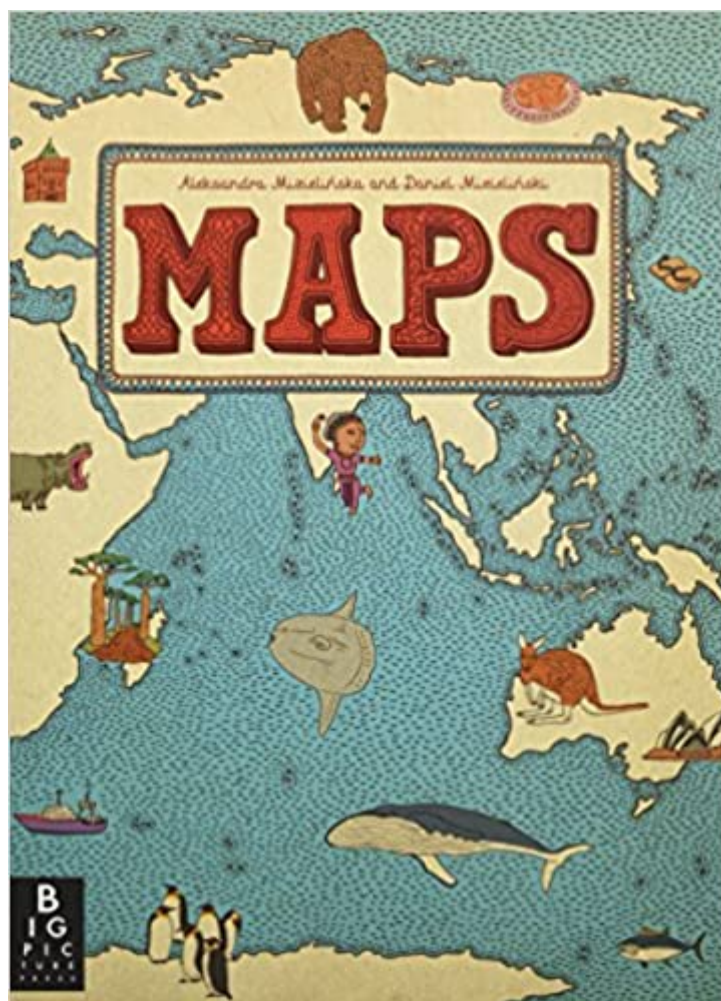


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# Maps



## Synopsis

Travel the world without leaving your living room. This book of maps is a visual feast for readers of all ages, with lavishly drawn illustrations from the incomparable Mizielinskis. It features not only borders, cities, rivers, and peaks, but also places of historical and cultural interest, eminent personalities, iconic animals and plants, cultural events, and many more fascinating facts associated with every region of our planet.

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## Customer Reviews

[A] sumptuous illustrated children's atlas that combines chic, muted colors with witty and informative drawings on heavy matte paper that whispers under the fingers. ... The sort of book you can't help touching, "Maps" is as likely to engross adults as it is 7- to 10-year-olds. ... [I]t gives aesthetic pleasure all the way from the table of contents to the flags of the world at book's end.â *The Wall Street Journal* This handsome and fun-to-browse volume will inspire armchair travelers. ... The artworkâs muted earth tones, decorative borders, and fine-lined drawings are reminiscent of an antique rendering, while the numerous small cartoon illustrations add a light, contemporary touch. ... [W]insome renderings.â *School Library Journal* [A] nonfiction visual feast... [G]loriously portrays the world's profusion of creatures, mountains and man-made structures in chic, subdued shades of beige, mauve and eau de Nil.â *The Wall Street Journal* A visual extravaganza with fascinating trivia in pages as spacious and luxurious as a classic road atlas. It's an invitation to travel around the

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Aleksandra Mizielińska and Daniel Mizieliński graduated from the Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw, Poland, in 2007. In 2010 they were nominated for the Bologna Ragazzi Award and the IBBY Honor List.

There are currently two negative reviews about this book, which after receiving it, I would like to comment on. Both individuals were upset a country they love was left out. Ireland and Israel aren't in this book, but neither are Norway, Portugal, Denmark, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Ukraine, Turkey and several other European countries, along with every central American country, all nations in the Caribbean, the Philippines, South and North Korea, Indonesia, most of Africa and many others I'm not going to list. Indeed, there are only 52 maps in this book, which was never billed as a COMPLETE atlas. Instead, it's a gorgeous introduction for children (and adults) to pique enough interest to inspire them to learn more about the world. It's funny to me that the absence of both Ireland and Israel were highlighted in the reviews, since both countries have an entire book devoted to them by Sasek. To me, Maps is a great addition to learn more about culture and geography in conjunction with Sasek's amazing This is...series. Furthermore, Israel's capitol in Maps is listed as Jerusalem, which not even the Obama administration recognizes, so I'm still confused as to why one of the reviewers is so angry. Finally, Maps is printed in Poland! I'm getting very tired of Chinese made books, so this means a great deal to me.

I purchased this book for my 10-year-old daughter for her upcoming birthday. She loves geography and I was searching for a detailed book of various maps with descriptions of the many countries, culture, foods, drinks, etc. This book does not disappoint. I can't wait for my daughter to see it! This is a fun book to thumb through. It does not feature all countries. But, I love the detail of the

illustrations and the many random tidbits of each country. Definitely worth the buy!

My little one is not old enough to appreciate this lovely book but I am! My husband and I spent an hour looking through it and I just can't wait till I can use it as a fun educational activity with my son. It is so well made, the pictures are lovely and the facts are right on. Every country has a map and drawings depicting what it's known for. Eg Italy has pics of pasta, the Vatican, olive oil, pizza etc. Russia has the Kremlin, the nesting dolls etc. This book is very true large in size as well. Would make for a lovely gift!

This is simply a beautiful book. The maps are great, the artwork is lovingly done, and the kids have literally spent hours with this book, one explaining that it is their favorite book. Moreover, this is the type of book that can grow up with the kids as the subject matter never really gets old. In fact, the adults of the house love going through this book with the kids! I think that the only possible downside is that there are a few odd choices in subject matter for the small illustrations on the maps - nothing untoward or glaringly incorrect, mind you! - but that is a mere quibble compared to how wonderful this book is that I feel guilty even mentioning it. Well worth the purchase for the hours of enjoyment exploring the world through this lovely book.

A great book for kids (and adults) to learn basic geography, which many of us could use a refresher on. The book's strength are the close-up pages on individual countries. These close-ups are detailed in illustrating typical wildlife, food, industry, and landmarks of various regions within a country. However, not every country can be featured this way as the book only highlights the largest and most popular countries this way. For example, China is featured but Cambodia isn't.

Would give 6 stars for the artwork if I could. Beautiful atlas, and truly appealing for any age. An amazing resource for my young son. I believe this book will get lots of use over the coming years. The pictures have a vintage, aged look that only adds to the book's magic. Delivered promptly and in perfect condition. Customers should be aware that this is NOT a comprehensive atlas. There will certainly be many important places, people, cultural references, and ideas omitted from this collection of maps. It cannot stand in isolation as an educational resource. However, as a children's introduction to maps, geography and culture, it's an inspired piece.

What a charming and refreshingly beautiful take on the world. Do you remember as a child, your

parents having one book that just entranced you? Weather it was very old, or full of beautiful pictures or even just chalk full of interesting information. This is that book. It really paints an approachable picture of all the cultures of the world, but more importantly, it begs inquiry. I run a cultural studies co-op homeschool class for kids ranging from 3.5 - 8 years old and all the pictures make them wonder aloud from the clothing, the animals, the landscape, etc... Then we follow it down a rabbit hole of sorts. These are the kind of materials I love in the classroom. They allow the kids to explore learning and conjure their inherent thirst for knowledge with self directed and/or collaborative research. Well worth the price. The quality is phenomenal and this book will be cherished for a long time. I can bet my kids will want this book to pass down to their children.

This book is beautifully illustrated and incredibly well done. Not all counties are highlighted, but I feel there is a decent sample from around the world. Everyone who I've showed this book to has ooh'd and ahh'd over it. I bought a copy for my daughter's Montessori teacher. I bought a few other copies for birthday gifts. Everyone has loved it.

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