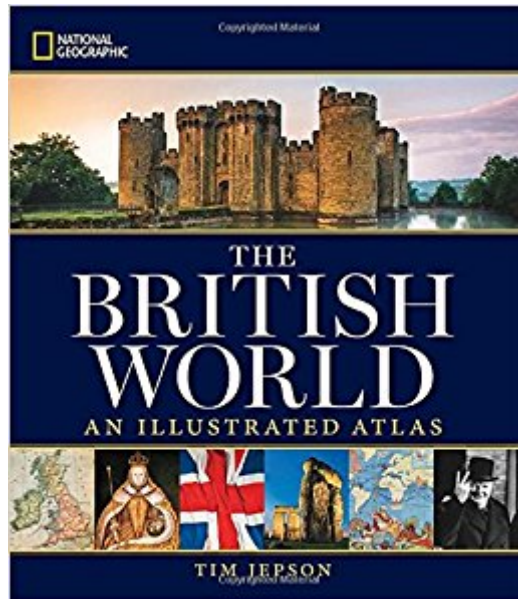




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Gift recipient loved it

Obviously covering the history of the British world is a big task and this book succeeds very well in a space of 333 pages, with slightly more than half of the book devoted to text and the rest devoted (mostly) to painting/pictures and some maps. The book is organized into 8 chapters, the beginning of each gives an 8-10 page overview of the chapter (e.g., Tudor Britain, The Age of Empire) with 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 by holding it. 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.

As an American who enjoys British History as a bit of a 'hobby', this is an EXCELLENT survey of - The British World! Easy to read, wonderful pictures, in a straightforward order.... Each section (a period of time) has an overall survey of the highlights of the time period, and then single topics that are completed within the two pages spread before you follow. Some of the things in the book I already knew, but the book is helping me to remember this history better. And some of the things in the book are new - like the idea that St. Augustine established St. Paul's Cathedral. (Even my friend, who has a B.A. in British History was unaware of that bit.) The ONLY complaint is that the maps use colors which are hard to distinguish one from another - dull orange, tan, dull green, muted burgundy, etc. The LOOK of the maps is nice (old fashioned/historical), but when the colors used are so close in similarity, it is hard to distinguish what the map is trying to show. I have read it cover

to cover, and I am using it as a reference when I need to look something up.

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 of 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.

The British World Atlas is a beautifully illustrated book with maps, paintings, and photographs of England. It shows the history of England from early times and Roman Conquests, the Saxon and Normans, the Celt and Vikings, to the Norman Conquests and middle ages through modern times of the Troubles in Northern Ireland and the marriage of William and Katherine. People of note are spotlighted like Darwin, Wellington and Cromwell. There's plenty of information regarding the reigning Kings and Queens, the civil war and foreign wars too. Also illustrated are the maps of the Commonwealth stretching from England to America to India. Thus is a great edition to anyone's library but especially to those who love British history.

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.

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