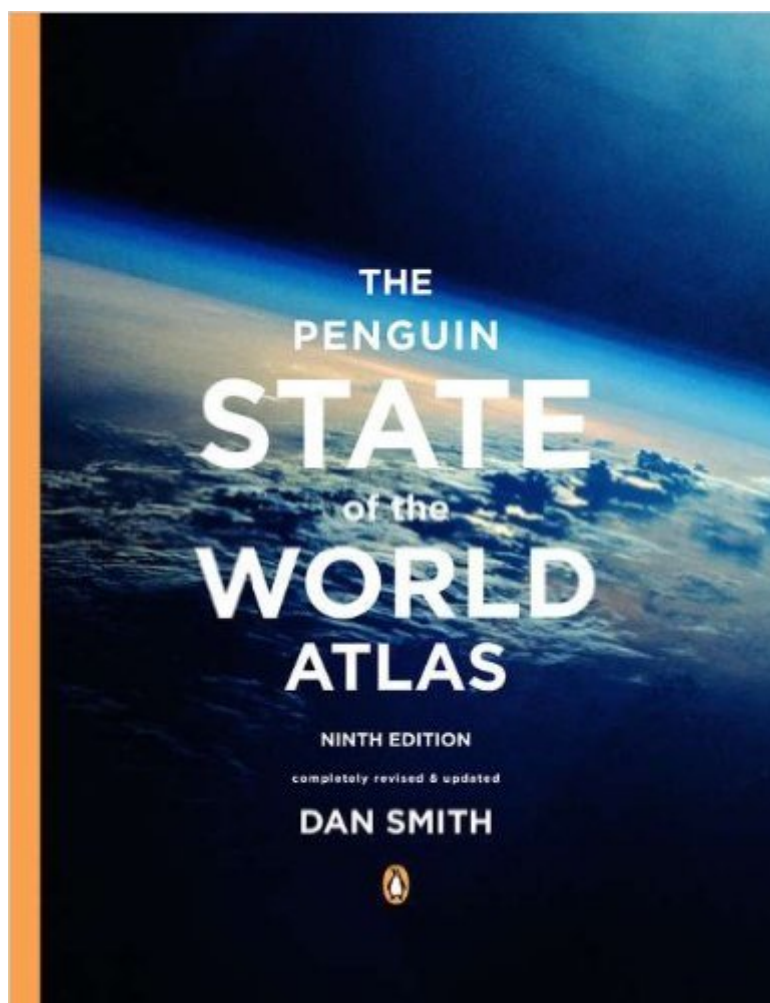


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The Ninth Edition is an update on the previous (2008) State of the World Atlas. Most of the themes explored between the two are similar, but as another commenter notes, the graphic representations are much reduced. Most of the maps used in the new edition are simplified and stylized, and in many cases no maps are used at all. Some of the maps (for example, the GDP per capita and adult literacy maps) are symbols on an otherwise blank white page, which makes it harder - not easier - to understand the information visually presented. Other subjects such as world tourism similarly use the size and shape of fonts to substitute for maps on otherwise blank pages, which is quite puzzling considering that very visually engaging graphics and maps were used to cover the same subjects in

the previous edition. I'm not sure why it was considered necessary to give the updated information a 'fresh' take, and why a lack of clarity was considered the fresh way to go. I would recommend users to stick with the eighth edition.

I have used three different editions (7th, 8th and 9th) of Dan Smith's State of the World Atlas with middle school students the past several years. The books are a wonderful collection of thematic maps that provide a wealth of information about the world. I recommend them to any teacher covering current world affairs, culture or geography. One disturbing trend I am noticing, though, is a marked, decreasing visual appeal in each successive edition. The 7th edition maps were witty, creative and fun. The current 9th edition is, comparatively, much drier, unimaginative and sterile. The strong graphic component was what first drew me and my students into these atlases. I am sorry to see that emphasis slipping away.

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Yes, this book has met and exceeded my expectations. However, I could have received it earlier but I did get it on the last day of the shipment due date.

Has some interesting maps and info graphics but nothing incredible or even new.

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