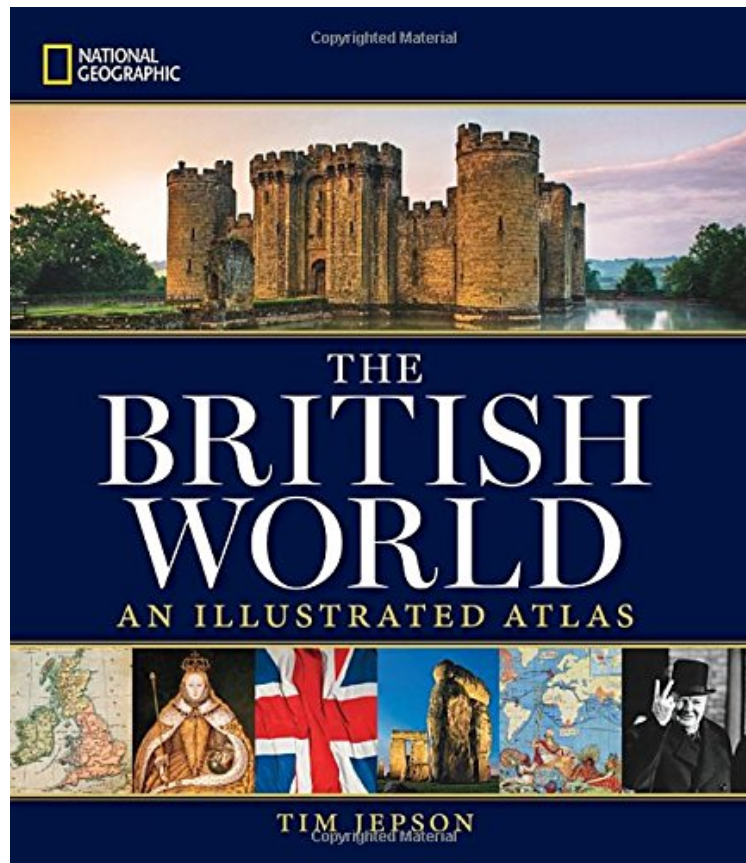


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By BigO Gift recipient loved it 13 of 14 people found the following review helpful. Very informative and well-illustrated history of Britain (and Ireland) By Dan Sherman Obviously covering 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. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Interesting, beautiful, 'coffee table' reference book that is fun to read! By Mither 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.

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