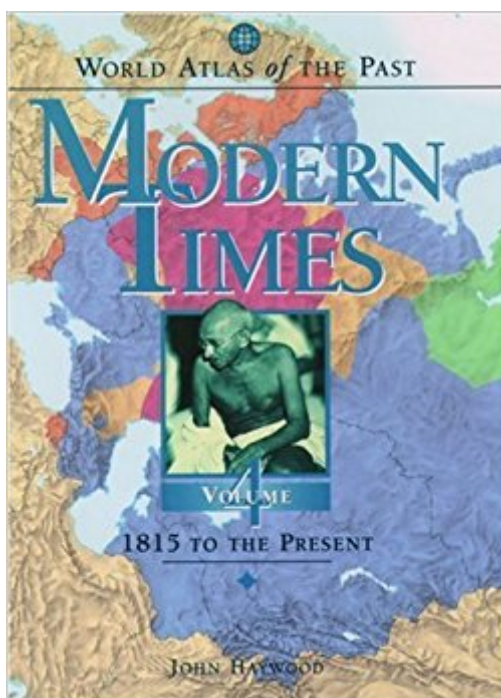


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# World Atlas Of The Past: 4-volume Set



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Just perfect for someone who wants to skim their way the world history in a hurry. About 240 pages in total and the maps are excellent. Once again, plenty of detail to match the writing but not so much as to be overwhelming. I read the whole 4-column set in about 4 weeks and it really filled in many gaps in my formal education.

Never saw it, don't know if the grandchild received it or not.

The 4-volume World Atlas of the Past has also 256 pages (64 per volume), but only 52 double-spread maps (13 per volume); each accompanied by a spread of text with an irrelevant big landscape photo. Atlas of World History ("AWH") also by John Haywood comprises 6 parts titled Historical Atlas of... with a 4-page introduction & 28 double-spread maps each (152 maps/180 spreads/360 pages in total), acknowledgments & index. After the 1st publishing in 1997 by Sharpe, as a 3-volume set (ISBN 1563248549), AWH was reprinted not only in full in one 384-page volume by Weidenfeld as Cassell's Atlas (ISBN 030435757X), which can be seen inside at UK, but also abbreviated in 1 shorter volume with only 121 double-spread maps in color on 256 pages by Barnes & Noble (ISBN: 0760706875) & MetroBooks (ISBN: 1586630997), as well as in full in separate 1-/2-part & 96-/192-page volumes including encyclopedic dictionaries on 16 spreads numbered 29 to 44 (32 pages) per part. O'Brien's (Oxford/Philips) Atlas (ISBN 0195215672 can be seen inside) would seem superior to AWH, if not for the disqualifying incompetence of rendering Poland reformed & not Catholic; so O'Brien cannot be trusted. AWH has far fewer maps than Hammond's reprint of acclaimed Times Atlas of World History. AWH uses a uniform map style throughout and conveys each theme in a single map, while Times tends to use a greater variety of smaller maps. For example, where AWH has one map representing the Byzantine Empire from 610 to 1204, Times has five. This simpler approach may make the AWH more accessible for younger readers. AWH is suitable for collections aimed at junior-high-school students and up.

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