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PEQUEÑO PERO MATÓN Un atlas histórico de gran envergadura que pese a su brevedad, la calidad y lucidez expuestas hacen de este libro una útil herramienta de trabajo para estudiantes, docentes y aficionados.

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Alper says

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imngrer says

The two volumes of this atlas are absolutely my "Desert Island" books

Nurhan says

the name should have been "Atlas of German and European History" instead.

Ed says

Too much history, not enough atlas.

A slightly larger than rack-sized (mass market) paperback with maps on the verso side and a brief, bulleted text of the history the map covers on the recto side. Conveying sufficient information is defeated on the map side in many cases by small page size--for example, "The Interwar Period in Africa" map which covers the entire continent showing independent nations, colonies and which European countries ruled them plus mineral wealth and agricultural production simply overwhelmed the space allotted. Other maps are useful and a few are extraordinary in the information they provide, for example "The Revolution in Germany" map shows where Workers and Soldiers Councils were functioning as the supreme political authority in the week before the end of World War I, a pretty specialized and useful compilation, even though it is on a half page, image size 3.5 inches x 3 inches.

Useful charts accompany some maps/histories, such as the tonnage of bombs dropped on Britain and those dropped on Germany from 1940 to 1945, compiled by year.

Extremely Eurocentric with as many pages (maps, text and charts) devoted to the composition by party and election results of the interwar legislative bodies of Germany, Austria, France and Italy (up to the consolidation of Fascism) as to all of African history.

Given the difficulties inherent in its size I probably would not have purchased "The Penguin Atlas of World History Volume 2" if I had encountered it in a bookstore and leafed through it or had given more thought to its actual page size. The bulleted text opposite the maps is sometimes useful as a timeline but also tries to present too much information as to become unwieldy.

Much of this critique is based solely on how I use an historical atlas. In addition to simply paging through it--something I can't resist with any book of maps--I generally consult an historical atlas to add to my understanding of a history book (or series of them) that I am reading and that don't have adequate maps themselves. If you have different criteria you would have a different response to the book.

Richard says

A great reference book filled with maps of how the world looked, politically, throughout history. A great companion when you are reading anything historical.

