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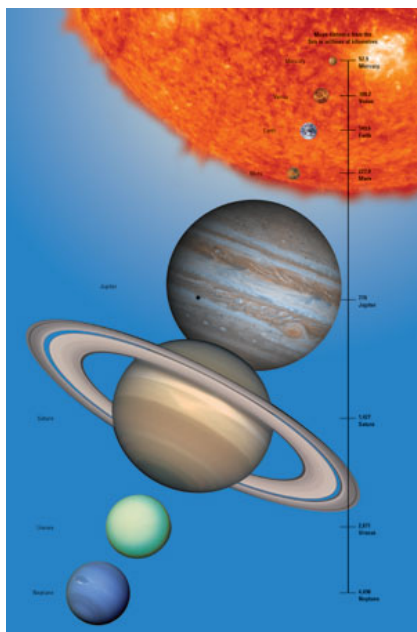
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Editorial Review

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The sixteenth edition of the *Oxford Atlas of the World* is chock-full of page-turning information, including new census data, dozens of city maps, updated country profiles, the latest statistics on climate change, gorgeous satellite images of Earth, and an instructive 48-page Introduction to World Geography--beautifully illustrated with tables and graphs. Providing the finest global coverage available, the *Oxford Atlas of the World* is not only the best-selling volume of its size and price, but also the benchmark by which all other atlases are measured.

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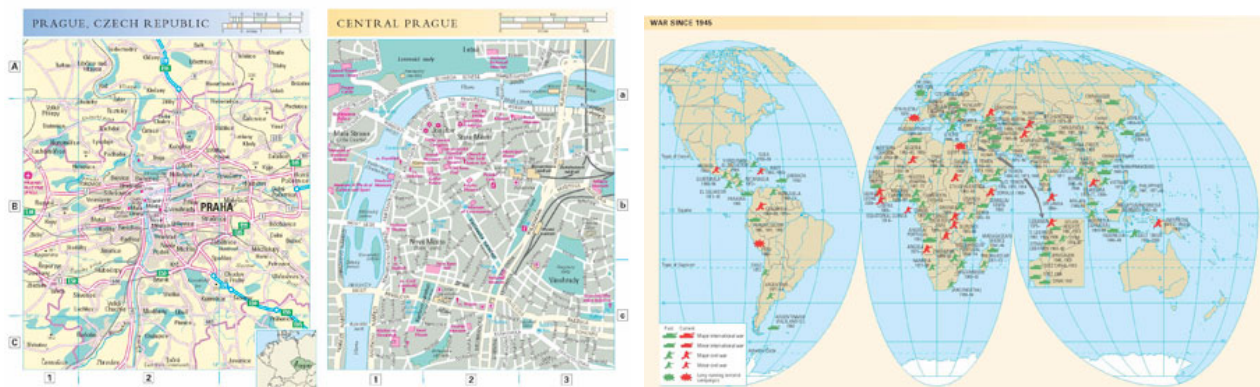
The Solar System was formed about 5 billion years ago, when a spinning cloud of gas, mostly hydrogen but seeded with other heavier elements, condensed enough to ignite a nuclear reaction and create a star.



Sometimes called "The Crescent City," New Orleans is situated between the south bank of Lake Ponchartrain (the largest in this view) and the Mississippi River.



This image shows glaciers flowing from the snow covered Himalayas on the northern Bhutan border.



This image shows just two of the more than 115 world city maps included in the *Oxford Atlas of the World*.

This diagram shows the wars fought around the world since 1945.

From Publishers Weekly

The latest revision of Oxford's highly acclaimed Atlas of the World is as up-to-date as can be in the post-September 11 world. "Site of former World Trade Center" says one caption on an updated map of lower Manhattan- and Baghdad has been added to the 67 maps of major cities around the world, including Moscow, Lisbon and Jerusalem. Statistics on the U.S. have been updated from the 2000 Census, and a new Gazetteer of Nations offers easy reference. But the heart, and strength, of this atlas remains the hundreds of colorful, beautifully detailed maps, conveying not only topographical features but also disputed boundaries, railways and principal roads. This is an indispensable reference for students as well as anyone interested in the state of the world, from population statistics to the environment and our impact on it. It will provide hours of happy, fascinating browsing.

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From School Library Journal

Grade 6 Up-- A visually impressive debut in the field of updated atlases. An extensive introduction (47 pages) surveys "The Universe," "The Solar System," "The Earth," "People," "Production," and "Quality of Life" with charts, diagrams, and statistics on everything from constellations to deforestation. Next come 66 maps of the world's major cities. All are drawn to a scale of 1:200K, making relative size comparisons possible. A separate, comprehensive "Index to City Maps" provides quick access. Next, physical and political maps of each continent precede larger scale, more detailed maps of smaller areas. Scale size ranges from as large as 1:800K to as small as 1:64M. Over 100 single and double-page maps with full-color relief shading are complemented by an index of at least 65,000 entries. A closer look at the former Yugoslavia raises an important issue: Bosnia-Herzegovina is not listed or shown as an independent country although it is formally recognized as such by the United Nations. Also, boundary lines between and within nations are sometimes difficult to read and are often not as clear as those found in the Hammond Atlas of the World (1992), which is comparable in scope and content. Still, the overall high quality cannot be dismissed, making this an excellent additional choice for large public and school libraries. --Alicia Eames, Brooklyn Public Library

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