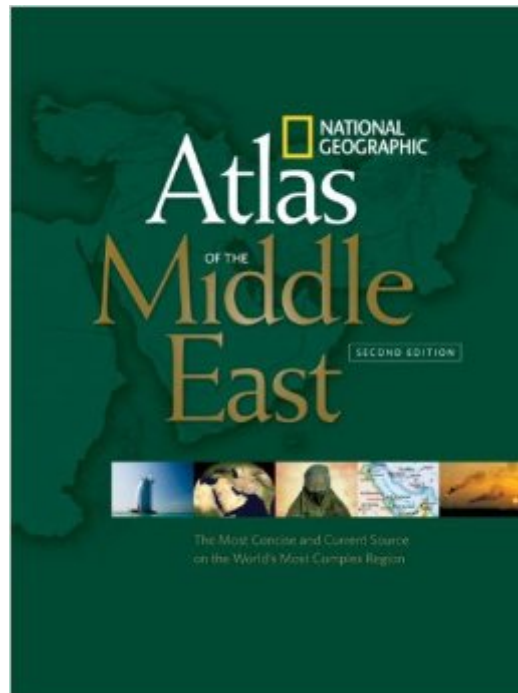


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# National Geographic Atlas Of The Middle East, Second Edition



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There is a two page spread for each country with a map and basic stats for the country. Additional regional maps show info about climate, land use, population, religions, languages, oil, water, food, historical sites and various conflicts. There is a multi-page history timeline. The maps are similar to those in their big world atlas 8th edition but they are a little more colorful. This is a handy size to keep near your TV news watching chair. As with most Nat Geo atlas they print right up into the binding but with the larger atlas it lays open flat and this is a feature but with this smaller book you

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On the positive side, the atlas contains the usual excellent NG cartography, along with a great deal of social and economic information, and it is inexpensive. This edition contains far more information than the first edition. For a middle east regional atlas, there appears to be only limited competition. The atlas provides detailed country maps covering 1 to 2 pages. The atlas has several informative thematic maps, as well as maps covering conflict zones. On the negative side, the physical design and its production makes the atlas frustrating to use. Many of the maps cover two adjacent pages. Unfortunately, the atlas does not lie flat, so you cannot easily see the cartographic information along the inside of the pages. When opened at its maximum the atlas stays highly curved in the middle, obscuring some information. You would have to split the glue binding to get a full view of the two page maps. Another annoying aspect of this edition is the glossy cover, which easily picks up fingerprints every time you handle it. Published in 2008, the atlas is ripe for a revision. For any future edition of the atlas NG should have the pages sewn in signatures, which would allow for a more durable, flat lying atlas. A hardcover edition, along with the paperback edition would also be welcome.

I bought this as a gift for my Father after my brother was deployed to Afghanistan. It has really helped the whole family better understand the region where my brother is as well as the cultures.

This atlas unlike various other atlases, is very accurate, well mapped and well written. Unlike some atlas that they change the name of the Persian Gulf to the Arabian Gulf and they skip the name of Israel and deny the existence of Israel (Collins Atlas of Middle East) to pander to the Arabs, this National Geographic Atlas is a reliable source of information. It is loaded with colorful large size maps and detailed information. It covers the complete Middle East. This atlas is a great reference for students, geography buffs, culture lovers and simply seekers of knowledge. I write a lot of history and geography. I use this atlas as one of my references in my articles and books. I recommend this atlas to all map lovers.

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