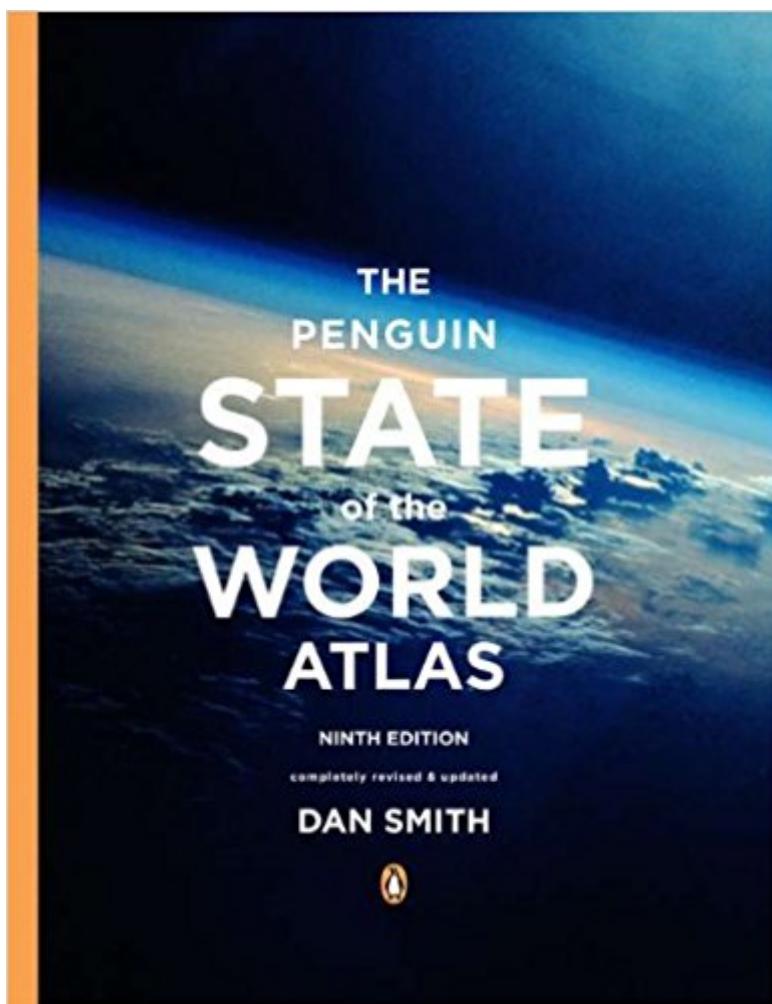


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I have used three different editions (7th, 8th and 9th) of Dan Smith's *State of the World Atlas* with middle school students the past several years. The books are a wonderful collection of thematic maps that provide a wealth of information about the world. I recommend them to any teacher covering current world affairs, culture or geography. One disturbing trend I am noticing, though, is a marked, decreasing visual appeal in each successive edition. The 7th edition maps were witty, creative and fun. The current 9th edition is, comparatively, much drier, unimaginative and sterile. The strong graphic component was what first drew me and my students into these atlases. I am sorry to see that emphasis slipping away.

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Good Info but not quite what I expected

Book was in perfect condition and work perfectly with the class I took!

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