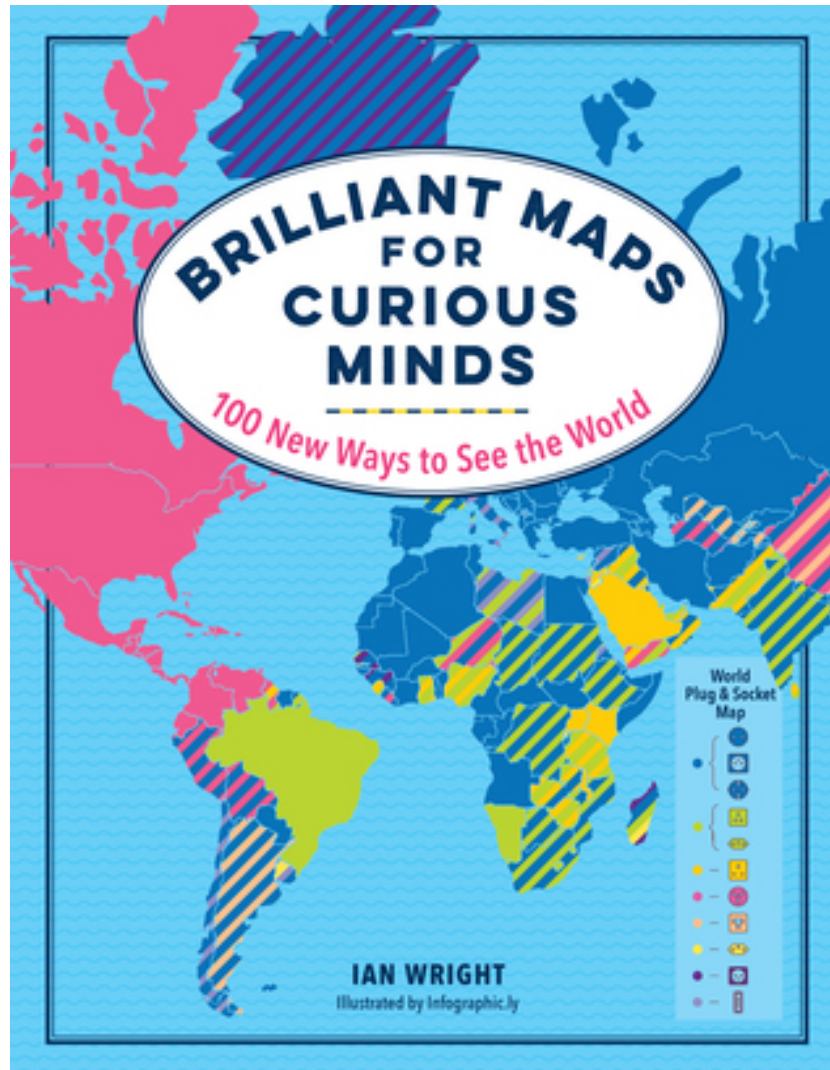


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When additional information is added to the map, it becomes much more. Listing the countries that have a population smaller than Greater Tokyo would fade from memory quickly, but seeing the countries shaded in on a map leaves a much stronger impression. A simple map explains the difference between England, Great Britain, and the United Kingdom more readily than words. Sometimes maps can mislead because a three-dimensional globe cannot be made two-dimensional without losing accuracy. A set of maps here show the real size of continents against their size in commonly used Mercator Projections. Greenland is nowhere near as large as it appears and Africa is much larger. All the landmass of the world can easily fit in the Pacific Ocean.

The maps in this book explore many aspects from average female height in nations to which countries have relations with North Korea and Israel. There is also a map that displays the languages of India and the original plan for its partition. There are maps of trading partners and countries with a GDP greater than California. Wright presents an informative and entertaining look at the political, cultural, economic, and geographical aspects of our planet using only maps and legends.

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Many of the pages had 3-4 versions of one colour when several completely different colours would have been much easier to absorb.

Also I found it a bit annoying that the countries were not labelled on most of the pages.

Slight inconvenience to have a second map up on google and flip between the two.

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most interesting and educational. One of my favorites, "Map of the Entire Internet in December 1969", shows a map of the United States. The internet ranged from...UCLA to Utah.

The maps are clear and brightly colored. The book is divided into chapters for easy reference. Chapters include: "People and Populations" (How the North American Population Fits into Europe); "Politics, Power, and Religion" (Birthplaces of Religious Leaders); "Culture and Customs" (Heavy Metal Bands per 100K People); "Friends and Enemies" (22 Countries the United Kingdom Has Not Invaded); "Geography" (World's Five Longest Domestic Nonstop Flights); "History" (If the Roman Empire Reunited, Using Modern Borders); "National Identity" (Countries Whose Flags Include Red and/or Blue); "Crime and Punishment" (Prison Population per 100K People); and "Nature" (Countries with the Most Venomous Animals).

This book will be published in November. It would be a fantastic gift book for the winter holidays. It would also make a great coffee table book, bet settler, and conversation starter. ("Hey, did y'all know California, all by itself, is one of the world's biggest economies?"). Having access to maps on the internet is nice. But as the little girl I used to be knew, sometimes it's nice to look at them in a book.

Thanks to NetGalley for the ARC in exchange for a fair and honest review.

Kitty Verduin

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