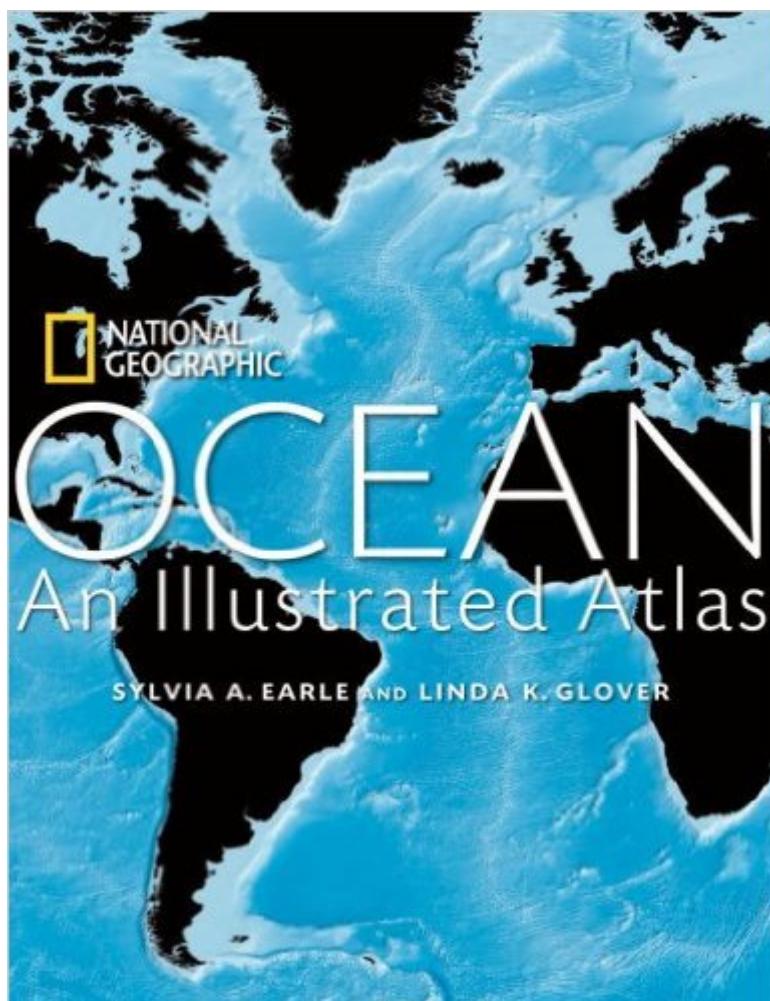


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# Ocean: An Illustrated Atlas



## **Synopsis**

Detailing a mysterious realm that's as vital to our existence as the air we breathe, this new atlas immerses readers in the wonders of the deep through more than 250 up-to-the-minute maps, photographs, and satellite images. Deep-sea pioneer and National Geographic Explorer-in-Residence Sylvia A. Earle (known as "Her Deepness") and marine scientist Linda K. Glover guide the adventure, in consultation with experts from NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; who welcome the publication of a comprehensive ocean atlas geared to popular readers. The accessible text lays out key concepts, points of interest, and little known facts, opening our eyes to living phenomena from giant squid to tiny microbial bodies. Astonishing full-color photographs and diagrams reveal the beauty and complexity of ocean life. Unprecedented new full spread maps of the ocean floor; hand-drawn by expert cartographers; reveal the five major oceans in astonishing details. An unequaled resource for both education and entertainment, Ocean also explores the progress of fascinating technologies that will help scientists discover uncharted regions and life-forms. In light of recent events; the tsunami of 2004, Katrina and Rita of 2005, the growth of the ozone hole; humankind's link to the ocean is front and center in our lives today. This rich informative, and timely atlas, encourages understanding of how the ocean correlates with these happenings; and how human maintenance of its waters and creatures will keep the planet going.

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The recently released and revised Ocean Atlas is a treasure trove of scientific information combined

with an extraordinary compilation of maps and images. For scientists, the volume provides excellent reference materials, fun facts, and insights from experts across many disciplines along with interesting historical accounts. For the layperson, the book provides an easy-to-read, broad, and fascinating view into the ocean and science, related history and world issues, what we know, and the mysteries that remain. Earle and Glover aptly bring to the reader the wonder of the sea, the advances in science made over the centuries, and the threats that now put the ocean and the great diversity of life within it at risk. The maps and graphics are truly stunning and I only wish that I could get copies to use in talks and to show others! I highly recommend this edition for anyone interested in the ocean!

This is an atlas of the sea to match the one you already own of the land. But much more interesting because you have seen many an atlas of the land, but never one of the other two thirds of our planet. It is beautiful and instructive, covering an area of knowledge that receives very little press, surely there should be a copy of this book in every library. There is a movie "Oceans" coming out later this year, this book will be a great companion, especially if both are used together for multimedia teaching of young kids ... or anybody that is curious and young at heart!

This is a very poor cousin to "The Times Atlas and Encyclopaedia of the Sea". That is a book just full of useful and interesting history of the oceans. National Geographic "Ocean An Illustrated Atlas" is very long on interesting photos and illustrations and very short on interesting information. I guess the word "Illustrated" is the tip off. The information is presented by the various oceans. The Caribbean Sea has been often called "the best swimming hole on planet Earth" has six paragraphs devoted to it. It shares these 6 paragraphs with the murky and heavily polluted Gulf of Mexico. I got a very fair price on a beautiful picture book of the oceans so I am grateful to the seller. The price offered on the National Geographic site is way too much.

What's to say - National Geographic maintains their usual high quality -- both in photographic & "verbal" education! As "ex-" marine biologist, I wanted something that capsulized (& more) the oceanographic research that has occurred in my lifetime for people who don't "see" the Big Picture that this Planet is!

I bought this as a gift for someone who works with industrial water pumps. He is gung-ho about water. And he loved it. I thought it was awesome but since I was an anthropology major who loves

maps, if it says national geographic I usually like it. What is cool about this is that you are not going to find these pictures and maps as easily as other geographic maps. It is unique and interesting. I feel that this book would make a great "coffee table" book. You won't get sick of it. You can pick it up and enjoy it over and over again, or sit down and read it cover to cover.

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