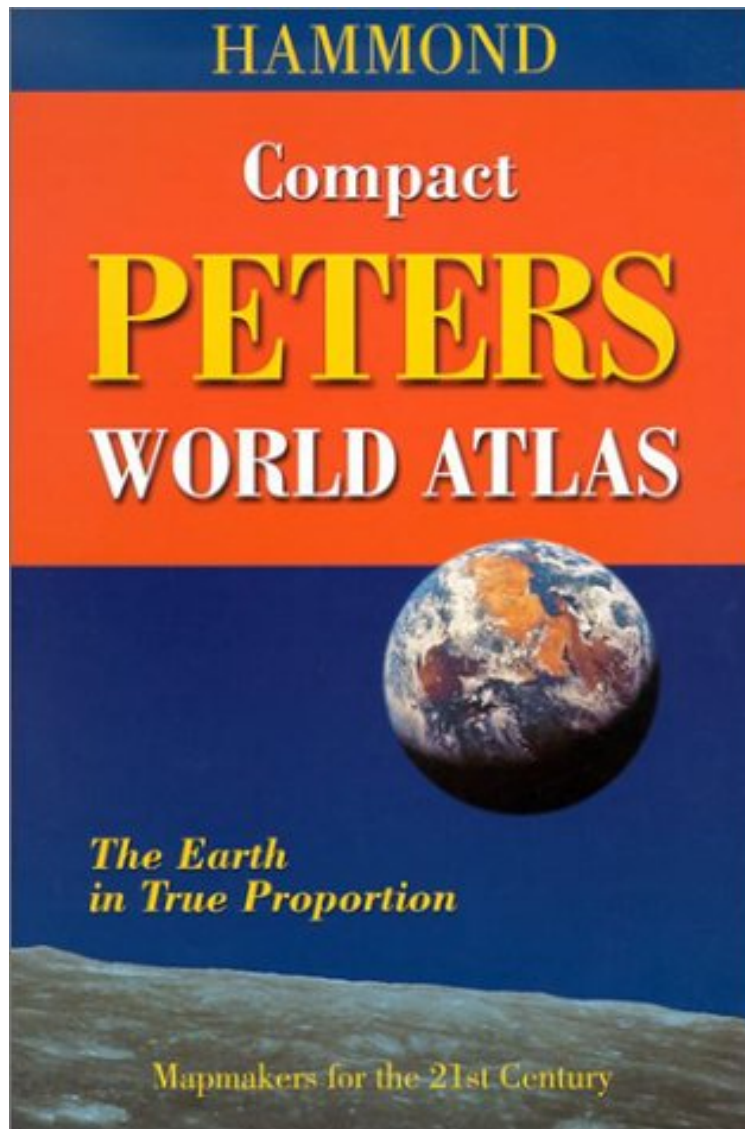


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Gall Orthographic Equal-Area Projection, or now occasionally as the Gall-Peters Projection. Gall considered this projection to be a novelty with no practical value. What this projection does is show area accurately, but it distorts shapes, directions, and distances. The real strength in the "Peters" atlas has been in its PR. It has received great marketing that stresses its comparison to the inaccuracies of the essentially defunct Mercator projection (which is accurate for direction and shape but not for area or distance). So basically Peters' supporters are promoting a map that is overall no better than the one they seek to replace, even though the Mercator is not used anymore. The truth is that neither the Gall-Peters nor the Mercator is ideal or very useful in today's day and age. The Mercator was at least ideally suited for maps used in exploration, but modern technology has consigned it to the history books. The Gall-Peters only provides interesting looking maps, but like Gall said it is merely a novelty. There are far better projections available for atlases, for example the Robinson's projection that the National Geographic Society and others have adopted. As for this particular book the text gives the typical marketing hype promoting the Peters projection, but it is visually a well-done book that does a very good job at displaying Gall-Peters maps if you have an interest in them. As a college geography instructor I find this book useful as a teaching tool and utilize it in a map lab by having students compare the maps in it to those of other projections to try to determine the strengths and weaknesses of each projection. It is for the visual quality of the maps in the book and that this book is a useful tool for showing the inadequacy of the Gall-Peters projection that I give this book 3 stars. 8 of 9 people found the following review helpful. 21st Century Global Perspective By Thomas M. Martin All cartographers make choices and tradeoffs when they map the world. The Peters projection tries to give a more accurate perspective of area and scale than more traditional maps. One glance at a Peters projection and one is immediately struck by the size of Africa, and this is just one reason why this projection has earned a reputation as a postcolonial map. The Peters Atlas is a special treat for those who have an appreciation for this projection. It's an amazingly inexpensive two-part atlas with separate sections for equal area physical and global thematic maps. It's also an interesting alternative to other inexpensive atlases, like the DK Concise/Compact Atlases of the World, which use a more traditional projection system and annotate political and regional maps extensively. The Peters Atlas contains only maps; rather than factual tables or map annotations, it relies on thematic maps which provide global comparisons at a glance. To be perfectly honest, when I viewed both the Peters and DK Concise Atlases at a local bookstore, I bought the DK Atlas for my niece who is going to college this year. I wasn't planning on buying another atlas for myself, but I ended up buying Hammond Compact Peters World Atlas for myself. Bottom line... I like the Compact Peters Atlas better than the DK Atlas that I bought for my niece, and I think you will too.

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