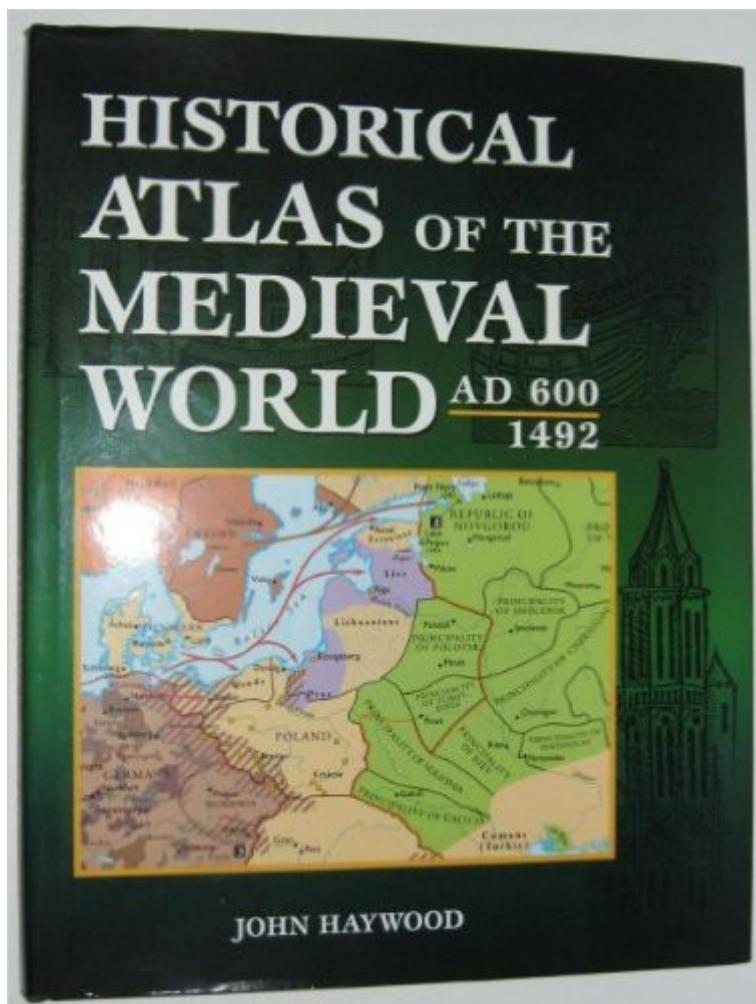


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# Historical Atlas Of The Medieval World AD 600 - 1492



## **Synopsis**

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## **Customer Reviews**

Any of the historical atlases by John Haywood is excellent. They combine readable text with great illustrative maps. The combination makes history easier to understand and remember. This atlas covers the time of 600 AD to 1492 AD. Those of you familiar with Haywood's Atlas of World History should note that this atlas contains all of the material as the medieval world section of that comprehensive, one-volume atlas plus about fifty percent more. The only problem is that all of Haywood's atlases seem to be out of print.

"Historical Atlas of the Medieval World" gives an overview of world history for 600 AD - 1492 AD. It didn't give much information on any one event but instead showed the shifting of power on a world scale. Each 2-page spread had a map, a timeline, and text that tied the timeline and the map together. The text also explained how events in individual empires or countries interacted with the whole to affect overall power shifts. The full-color maps were packed with information but were also

easy to read. The atlases divided the world into five areas: Americas; Europe; Middle East; Africa; and East & South Asia. The first series of maps and timelines gave an overview of the major events in all of these five areas at once as well as other details (like were they a nomadic society, an empire, a state, etc.). Then the atlases focused on each of the five major areas in turn and covered their major events in more detail. At the back, there was a A-Z guide to the people, places, and events that were mentioned in the text. It gave a summary about the subject and references to where it was mentioned in the text. Overall, I found this atlas interesting, visually appealing, easy to use, and easy to understand. I'd recommend it to those who are interested in an overview of world history during this time period.

This is just... so cool. So fascinating to look at the movement of states, peoples, and empires through maps in this way. I do wish there were more on the Americas, but I can imagine that information for the pre-Colombian Americas is more scarce than for the Old World continents.

All the atlases I have purchased written by John Haywood are great quality and value, and this one is no exception. The series in which this atlas appears is a real winner in general, and I plan to eventually buy all six volumes (all are available on , includes the Ancient world, the classical world, 19th century, 20th century and early modern world). Can't speak for history pros, but for someone like me with an amateur interest and love of good maps, this atlas is gold. In particular, I love the world map overviews that every volume begins with, showing snapshots of the globe throughout the period each volume is focused on and then moving into detailed maps of every region (at least, the regions we have knowledge of- hardly Haywood's fault! Not euro-centric, though). This atlas will serve well as a companion for an intro-level college course (especially given its student friendly prices, got mine used and quality is great) and as an addition to any home library!

Atlas of World History ("AWH") by John Haywood comprises 6 parts titled Historical Atlas of... with a 4-page introduction & 28 double-spread maps each (152 maps/180 spreads/360 pages in total), acknowledgments & index. After the 1st publishing in 1997 by Sharpe, as a 3-volume set (ISBN 1563248549), AWH was reprinted not only in full in one 384-page volume by Weidenfeld as Cassell's Atlas (ISBN 030435757X), which can be seen inside at UK. The 1st AWH was also abbreviated in 1 shorter volume with only 121 double-spread maps in color on 256 pages by Barnes & Noble (ISBN 0760706875) & MetroBooks (ISBN 1586630997), as well as published in full in separate 1-/2-part & 96-/192-page volumes (AS THIS ONE) including encyclopedic dictionaries on

16 spreads numbered 29 to 44 (32 pages) per part. The 4-volume World Atlas of the Past has also 256 pages (64 per volume), but only 52 double-spread maps (13 per volume); each accompanied by a spread of text with a useless big landscape photo. O'Brien's (Oxford/Philips) Atlas (ISBN 0195215672 can be seen inside) would seem superior to AWH, if not for the disqualifying incompetence of rendering Poland reformed & not Catholic; so O'Brien cannot be trusted.

**Hammond Atlas** is a reprint of superior *Times* *Atlas*.  
**ON THE SHARPE'S EDITION FROM SCHOOL LIBRARY JOURNAL BY TESS MCKELLEN:** Grades 9 up, because of their format, historical atlases are often difficult to use, and this handsome resource is no exception. However, with a little self-orientation, readers can familiarize themselves with the set's organization, which is explained in the front of each volume. The effort will pay off, making it possible for users to trace a particular story (e.g., the Celts) through regions and periods of time. Each volume covers a huge chunk of history (4,000,000 years ago-A.D. 600; A.D. 600-1783; 1783-present) and is divided between world-map spreads covering different periods within the defined time frame and regional/topical-map spreads that treat areas and subjects (e.g., the growth of the Roman Empire). The text presents a brief survey, containing cross references to related topics. The bulk of each spread is occupied by a map that offers a wide variety of data (places, events, routes and expeditions, cultural and political groups, migrations, significant structures, territorial expansion, etc.). Timelines indicate major events within the period under consideration, a unique feature that adds considerably to the work's value. In addition, the regional/topical maps each have a list of numbered captions that provide brief information about points indicated on the map itself. This resource has only general information regarding the period of 1945 to 1997. Fine typographical distinctions on the maps indicate whether the name used is a state/empire, dependency/territory, tribe, cultural group, or geographical region. With its high-quality index (both volume specific and cumulative), easy-on-the-eye print, and an outstanding layout, this set is exemplary. Subtle coloring and logical spacing and placement have precluded the visual confusion that such publications often produce.

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creates a clear picture of change over time. Projections are consistent and easy to compare, with the scale noted in both miles and kilometers per inch or centimeter. Most of the maps are double-page spreads. As a result, SOME DETAILS ARE LOST IN THE GUTTERS. A time line is located in the lower left corner of each spread, while detailed map keys vary in position on the page. AT TIMES, THE CROSSING LINES AND MULTIPLE DESIGNATIONS CAN BE A LITTLE CONFUSING, and they call for a close reading of both the keys and the maps. However, the labeling is clear. The maps, overall, have an attractive, approachable appearance. Indexing is thorough. The cumulative index, located at the end of volume 3, is alphabetical by place name or topic. Map locations for each listing are given by volume number and page number. Individual volume indexes, also alphabetically listed, give page number only. The indexes are accurate and complete, the only detraction being the small font. THIS ATLAS HAS FAR FEWER MAPS THAN HAMMOND'S ACCLAIMED TIMES ATLAS OF WORLD HISTORY. IT USES A UNIFORM MAP STYLE THROUGHOUT AND CONVEYS EACH THEME IN A SINGLE MAP, WHILE TIMES TENDS TO USE A GREATER VARIETY OF SMALLER MAPS. FOR EXAMPLE, WHERE SHARPE HAS ONE MAP REPRESENTING THE BYZANTINE EMPIRE FROM 610 TO 1204, TIMES HAS FIVE. THIS SIMPLER APPROACH MAY MAKE THE SHARPE ATLAS MORE ACCESSIBLE FOR YOUNGER READERS. THE COMPLETE ATLAS OF WORLD HISTORY IS SUITABLE FOR COLLECTIONS AIMED AT JUNIOR-HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENTS AND UP.

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