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Journey to the World's Most Mysterious Places

Created by the same team behind *Atlas Obscura*, the #1 *New York Times* bestseller that has over 600,000 copies in print in its first year, *The Atlas Obscura Explorer's Guide for the World's Most Adventurous Kid* is a thrillingly imaginative expedition to 100 weird-but-true places on earth. And just as compelling is the way the book is structured—hopscoching from country to country not by location but by type of attraction. For example, visit the site of the Tunguska event in Siberia, where a meteor slammed into the earth in 1908—and then skip over to the Yucatan, ground zero for the ancient meteor crash that caused the mass extinction of dinosaurs. Then, while in Mexico, tour the fantastical Naica caves, home to crystals ten times larger than the average person—then, turn the page to Vietnam to a cave so vast you could fly a 747 through it. Illustrated in gorgeous and appropriately evocative full-color art, this book is a passport to a world of hidden possibilities.

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Jill says

Thanks to NetGalley for an early copy of this book.

The Atlas Obscura Explorer's Guide for the World's Most Adventurous Kid is an amazing adventure story...even for adults. I have seen the adult version of this book, but have never picked it up, but I will now. This book takes you around the world to many countries and gives you details on two unusual places to visit in each country. For each country you are shown on a globe where it is and given several facts. Each location has an illustration showing what the write up is about and the latitude and longitude coordinates are given so you can look the site up on Google Earth. (Although, all the coordinates in the advanced copy were the same for every location, I think this will be a great add on to a child reading this book.) My only other complaint about this book is I wish real life pictures were used for at least some of the locations instead of the illustrations; I ended up using Google Images to see many of the places mentioned.

The book is full of crazy facts and stories. Read this book to find out:

- Which country went to the Olympics as one country and came home as a different county?
- What was added to the mortar for the Great Wall to help hold it together?
- Which country was the first to allow women to vote in national elections?
- Where can you find a church made of trash?
- And many, many more...

This book will be a great gift for any adventurous kid or anyone who likes to read about adventures.

Ira says

Unfortunately, this book couldn't totally convince me. On the one hand, there are amazing places in it that not only kids will long to see but most of the illustrations are rather rough, more eye-catchers than real representations of the places and most of them don't invite to browse and linger on the pages.

The descriptions are enticing and make you want to visit those fascinating and intriguing places but - most of them are simply not doable for kids, not even the most adventurous ones. It's always a question of opportunity and money. Those places are far to exotic, no kid could go there without its parents and not many parents have the money to go there. That wouldn't be a problem if the list of items to take and so on at the beginning wouldn't suggest that this is a book that leads you to places that you can explore. You could do that, sure, but you have no chance to get there.

If there were other illustrations or photos, this could be some bucket list for years to come but ...see above: not with this kind of illustrations and not with this list at the beginning.

Sure, some places are doable but most of them aren't. I think that most kids would prefer to have more places in it that they can actually explore than those (truly amazing, just saying) others that are unreachable.

The journey takes us from Iceland to Venezuela via Antarctica, Japan, Russia, Africa, Australia, China and all over Europe. I think that it might be rather frustrating as the descriptions make you want to pack and just go there but reality being a beast and such, most of us have to resign ourselves to dreams of going there but - well, back to the illustrations.

KC says

A great companion book to The Atlas Obscura (and website) all about global oddities and quirky wonders of the world.

Literary Soirée says

“The Atlas Obscura Explorer’s Guide for the World’s Most Adventurous Kid” is an amazing junior version of “Atlas Obscura,” the #1 New York Times bestseller with more than 600,000 copies in print in its first year. This book for younger readers introduces children to 100 weird-but-true places on earth — a wonderful and thrilling journey! 5/5

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H says

Neat stories but definitely geared towards later elementary school-aged kids. Also, it's more like imaginary travel/travel for when you're an adult.

Rachel says

This book is fabulous. The visual design elements are masterfully done, and the selection of places is intriguing. The descriptions of each place are substantial without being overwhelming. I will be adapting material in this book for lessons with my students, as well as giving it as a gift to my young friends with wanderlust.

Sandy says

The information inside this non-fiction children’s book was very interesting and it made me want to pack my bags and hop on an airplane. I would love to go see the Capuchin Catacombs in Italy and Ho Thuy Tien Water Park in Vietnam, they both sound like great destinations. The book provides just enough information to intrigue my interest in each of the destinations as I travel around the globe. This was such a fun and educational read.

Each two-page spread features a region where two unique, places are highlighted. With 50 regions, you get 100 different places to explore that are described in a few paragraphs. There is Kolmanskop, The Odyssey

Shipwreck and Skeleton Lake, just to name a few, there is bound to be a destination for everyone. I was intrigued with all these unique places around the globe. With a terrific index and glossary, it's easy to find what you are looking for.

This book is filled with 50 different destinations across the globe. Since this is a children's book, I can't see children using this to plan a trip unless they live close to the destination that they chose. So, the "100 extraordinary places to visit" that was written on the front of the cover was hard to believe for this children's book. I also was disappointed in the illustrations. After all the work the author did to find such great locations, I would have thought the illustrations would have been more life-like. They would have added more to the excitement of the destination than the illustrations that did make its way to the book's pages. This book provided entertaining and fun information that I really enjoyed but the illustrations were a disappointment for me. I think older children will enjoy reading about these destinations, as will adults but to plan a trip, children will have to "dream" while adults might actually be able to pack their bags. It's a book worth looking into.

Schizanthus says

Did you know that the marvellous word 'chocolate' came from Mexico's Aztec language?

Can you imagine living in Mongolia and having someone bring a library to you on the back of a camel?

Whether you want to swim in a lake full of jellyfish, enjoy a swing ride in a cooling tower that's part of an amusement park in the grounds of a nuclear power plant or take a zip line to school, this book has got you covered.

Because of my love for all things weird and wonderful I particularly enjoyed reading the obscure facts about each country you visit in this book. My favourite was:

Iceland has the world's only school dedicated to the study of elves.

Although this book has added many experiences to my Bucket List, topping it is a visit (or maybe several hundred) to Coromoto's Ice Cream Shop in Mérida, Venezuela. "About 60 of the 900 varieties are on sale at any given time." I'm not sure whether I'd actually enjoy spaghetti flavoured ice cream, but I'd love to be able to say I tried it.

Next you'll find me in an Austrian library. Österreichische Nationalbibliothek (the Austrian National Library) in Vienna has **secret passages hidden behind bookcases!** I don't need any more information to sell me on this destination.

The writing style in this book felt like I was listening to a tour guide. At times I can find writing that directly addresses the reader annoying but it worked for me here. I can imagine a young reader trying to picture ten million shrieking bats flying above them in Zambia, then feeling reassured that they're not on the menu because these bats only eat fruit.

Using size comparisons with objects kids are already familiar with was a great choice. It's much easier to imagine how huge a blue whale is when you discover it's longer than two city buses. There's a good blend of history, culture, geography and mythology in this collection of interesting and quirky destinations.

Joy Ang's cover illustration was one of the things that drew me to this book in the first place and I really liked the details she incorporated and the different perspectives shown; sometimes I felt I was standing

looking across a vista and other times I was granted a bird's eye view. While I enjoyed seeing all of the people and animals illustrated, some landscapes felt unfinished, e.g., Antarctica's Blood Falls looked blurry and not that interesting to me, whereas photos of this location made me want to visit. If I read this book with a child I'm sure we'd be Googling photos of each of the locations to continue our exploration.

I managed to snag Atlas Obscura: An Explorer's Guide to the World's Hidden Wonders on Kindle when it was recently discounted and am even more interested in reading it now.

Thank you so much to NetGalley and Workman Publishing Company for the opportunity to read this book. I'm rounding up from 4.5 stars.

Marcia says

A very cool book that leads the reader through 47 different countries, linked by interesting/weird sites. Would be a wonderful book for a child interested in geography, travel, interesting facts. There is a lot here to take in and it is presented in a beautiful way.

Karla Winick-Ford says

Such a cool book. Perfect for young children to inspire wonder and awe. Recommended.

OutlawPoet says

Oh, this is such a wonderfully fun book.

And, honestly, it's as much fun for adults as it is for kids.

You get references to some of the most interesting places in the world - some eerie, some exotic, and some just plain full of adventure!

Definitely will inspire a sense of wanderlust in any reader!

Simply Excellent!

Angela Brown says

Here is an incredibly beautiful book aimed at young adventurers, or even young adventurers at heart. It's the sort of book that you will want to read with a torch under the bed covers, sprawled out in a treehouse, curled up in a window seat on a winter's afternoon or on the grass underneath the shade of a tree.

But, don't wait for the right place. You are in the right place! This book should be read wherever you find yourself right now, at a bus stop, in the schoolyard or even at the kitchen table.

The text, beautifully written by Dylan Thuras and Rosemary Mosco unfurls your imagination over 100 pages of quirky, curious places and facts hidden in the nooks and crannies of our amazing planet. At times achingly poetic descriptions of watching sunsets rise over distant forests, or lowering yourself into the centre of the earth, sits alongside thoughtful questions to ponder alongside scientific facts and details.

You navigate country to country on a global romp, magically illustrated with sketches and some beautiful coloured artwork that bring an element of comic and manga epic-ness to real places, through illustrator Joy Ang.

You are encouraged to emerge from the pages with eyes wide open to the possibility of discovering this fascination around you. Be prepared to find your own way! Reading this book reminds me of the thrill of the first time reading a choose your own adventure book when I was a child.

For me, what makes this book stand out, is that as readers, we are challenged to find and connect the elements of wonder in the places around us now. Although the book contains just snippets of the world found in the borders and margins of places, the writers demonstrate that any two places in the world can be connected, so that you can traverse in thought from place to place.

There are no photographs of the destinations included, but with the related Atlas Obscura website to explore, photographs really aren't needed in the book.

This is a book to read if you are a kid, aimed at ages 8-12, but also a book to read if you forgot or refused to grow up.

Morris says

As a fan of the adult Atlas Obscura, I was very excited to learn they were making a children's edition. It did not disappoint! It's packed with places kids (and adults) will find fascination, along with many bite-sized facts for the budding trivia buffs. I also enjoyed the illustrations. Highly recommended!

This unbiased review is based upon a complimentary copy provided by the publisher in exchange for an honest review.

Rebecca says

Flipped through. Really nice design here, with full-bleed illustrations (by Joy Ang) on every page. This would be a great gift book to get a kid thinking about travel and adventure.

Alicia says

A fascinating and beautiful nonfiction that captures an adventurer's heart by going from place to place whether countries or continents and gives you two paragraphs on two features of the place with a beautiful landscape backdrop and then a few little extra factoids.

I devoured the book and could see it sitting out on a table just to be scanned through. So fascinating and I wish they would continue!
