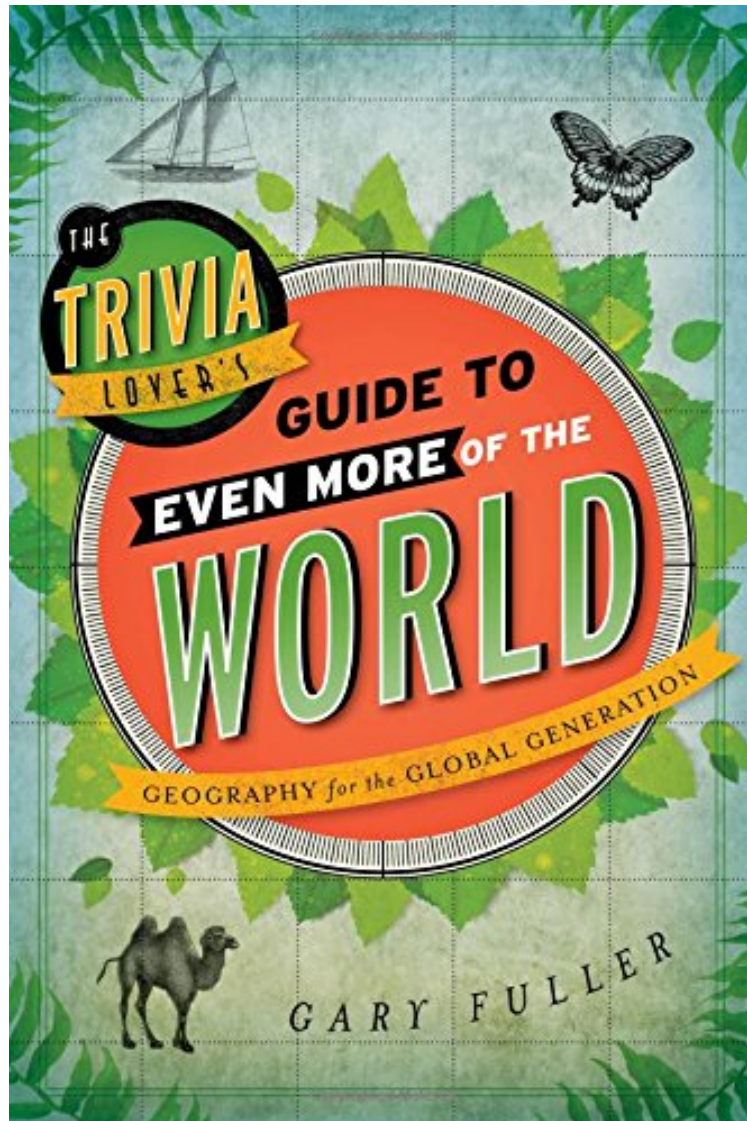


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**Gary Fuller : The Trivia Lover's Guide to Even More of the World: Geography for the Global Generation** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Trivia Lover's Guide to Even More of the World: Geography for the Global Generation:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great Book of fun and interesting knowledge ruined by the author's arrogant and condescending personal stories. Meh. By AdnmeI really enjoyed the geographical facts presented in this book. They were very interesting and their supporting facts made it even more interesting! BUT, roughly halfway (100 pages) into the book I became turned off by the author's very obvious anti-Christian views that were often seemingly thrown in for mocking or ridicule, and for no other reason that I could ascertain. The smug tone and snide comments had no bearing on the information being presented. If you are presenting something as fact, you can present it as fact, as he did, with supporting explanations BUT WITHOUT letting your religious bias show. I found it unnecessary and childish. Just present it as fact, prove it and move on... it was almost like he couldn't help himself. So strange. I bought the book for geographical facts and trivia, I don't really care about your experiences with your "Christian" students. The mocking became redundant and annoying. I'm sure now there is more of it in the first book, so I won't be purchasing that one as I had planned. It wasn't merely telling smug stories about Christians, but also about GMO concerns, activists, and political correctness (Some of which I happened to agree with but still so out of place and unnecessary) After a while he just began to sound like an arrogant, smug, condescending professor I'm glad I never had instead of an author of a geographical trivia book. Which is unfortunate. It may not bother some, but I thought I'd write a review with this point of view for others that may be turned off by it. There's a great amount of knowledge in the book, so if you don't mind the above, then it would be a great book to gain some fun knowledge out of. If the above would irritate you, I'd say meh, find something else.

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Fantastic Geography Book By GeographerI enjoy reading about Geography but so many Geography books are just trivia lists about the longest river or a definition of what a "coast" is. This book is much more interesting. Fuller focuses on interesting issues in Geography and provides a more detailed discussion. Recommended.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Steve Ray Jr. Very interesting and well written

Gary Fuller's entertaining and informative guide uses geographic trivia questions as a springboard to learning about non-trivial aspects of our globe. An enlightening book for all readers, it enhances geographic know-how with good, old-fashioned fun. Discover who named the kangaroo; where can you find Lakers and Salties; what chili peppers, pineapple, chocolate, and vanilla have in common; where Shangri La was; and who was the most successful pirate in the Caribbean. An inveterate traveler and geographer extraordinaire, Fuller provides extensive background, engaging maps and photos, and thorough explanations for each intriguing trivia question. Challenging today's global generation to truly get to know their world, his book is a delight to read and an essential antidote to our lack of geographical knowledge.

It is, unfortunately, an oft-repeated (and probably true) maxim that most Americans are woefully ignorant about the geography of both their own country and the wider world. Fuller taught geography at the University of Hawaii for 35 years and is also a former winning contestant on the game show Jeopardy. Using a game-show format and trivia questions, Fuller goes beyond short answers to expound on a wide variety of geographic topics that provide enjoyment and enhanced knowledge to general readers hoping to fill in the gaps in their understanding of the world. The chapters are arranged around particular themes, which include state capitals, the why and where of various cities, and the links between religion and geography. Readers can learn why many state capitals were built away from large cities, or which nations, surprisingly, can expect population decline. Although the uninformed will benefit most, even those who consider themselves knowledgeable can enjoy the tidbits in this breezy, informative work. (Booklist) Fuller hits the road around the world with this accessible and fun guide to global geography. The author couches trivia in an engaging narrative, but his knowledge is anything but trivial in an increasingly globalized world, where an understanding of the lay of the land on the other side of the planet may prove as important as knowing one's neighborhood. He introduces chapters on state capitals, continent-straddling countries, and Really Big Cities, and more with questions that are sure to coerce the curious to delve into Fuller's informative olio. What is the oldest language in Europe? (Answer: Basque.) Where was basketball invented? (Answer: Springfield, Mass.) Interspersed throughout are fun anecdotes culled from Fuller's 35 years as a professor at the University of Hawaii. One student thought it was unfair to call some lakes great and thus, as she put it, to dis other lakes. Featuring more than 50 maps and countless bits of miscellany, Fuller's Guide to the World will provide geography buffs with plenty of interesting facts. Folks will be happy to read through or peruse at random. (Publishers Weekly) Facts . . . make The Trivia Lovers Guide to the World an intriguing read, but it is also the author's voice, informative yet entertaining, that will appeal to fact collectors and geography lovers. . . . Packed with simple and understandable maps and diagrams to complement the text, the book encourages a love of learning and a development of logical thinking. (Alan J. Couture Foreword) Anyone who loves geography and trivia will find this book hard to put down. (South Florida Sun-Sentinel) In this enjoyable book Fuller explores and answers 150 geographical trivia questions. However, instead of listing the questions and providing the corresponding answers, which would make for a very boring read, he spins his responses into geographical explorations of various topics: climate and weather, maps, islands, rivers, parks, sports, and more. In 46 chapters addressing the questions and associated topics, Fuller does a wonderful job of providing historical context for his

answers, in a way that is both entertaining and engaging. So why would Fuller write such a book? For one thing, he was a winning contestant on the television program Jeopardy! and chaired a championship College Bowl team. Trivia is clearly in his blood. In addition, he has a PhD in geography and has taught at universities for 35 years. Being named "Teacher of the Year" by the National Association for Geographic Education probably explains how he does such a great job of telling stories, while increasing one's knowledge of geography as a whole. (CHOICE)A fast read and lots of fun. Not only will it make you feel a (very) tiny bit closer to those Jeopardy! contestants, but it will also pique your curiosity about all sorts of geographic topics. It is a great book to enjoy with friends or family and a good atlas indoors or outside. (The Coordinates Society)Not inquisitive? Then dont bother reading this provocative book. But if suggestive topics make your mental wheels spin then here you have a reliable source of intellectual stimulation. You might read with smart phone Siri in hand: one question leads to another, and then another. . . . Three cheers for geography Gary Fullers kind of geography that favors the polymath over the pedant. (Spike Hampson, University of Utah) Gary Fuller's sparkling insights will pique the interest of readers through engaging stories that lead to deeper awareness of critical global issues. His narratives link events throughout the world and clarify how even seemingly small occurrences in faraway lands affect our lives and our future. It has never been more important for us to understand how we reached this point in our history, and Gary Fuller gives both geography specialists and novices a seriously fun perspective. (Catherine Payne, Chair, Hawaii State Public Charter School Commission) About the Author Gary Fuller taught at the University of Hawaii at Manoa for thirty-five years before broadening his scope to lecture aboard cruise ships. He was named a Teacher of the Year by the National Association for Geographic Education, captained a championship College Bowl team, and was a winning contestant on Jeopardy! His Trivia Lovers Guide to the World won the 2012 Book of the Year Silver Award from Foreword s.