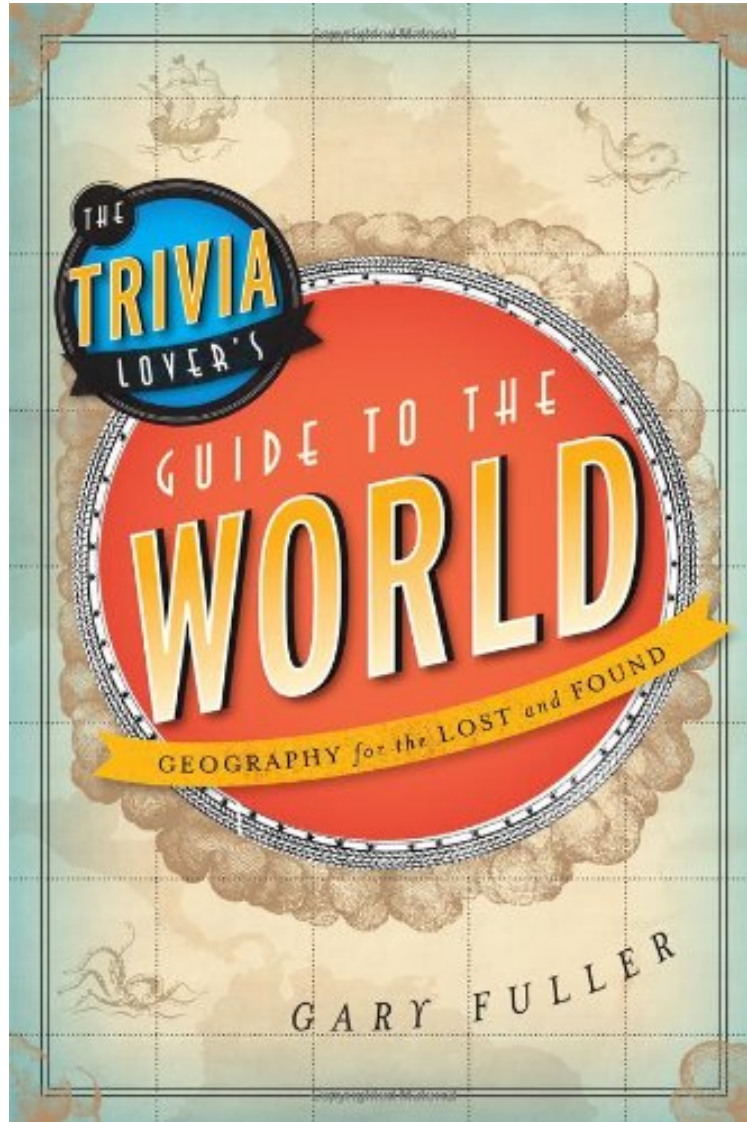


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Gary Fuller's entertaining and engaging guide enhances geographic know-how with good, old-fashioned fun, using trivia to open up new worlds of knowledge for all readers. Often dismissed as unimportant, trivia here highlights issues that are far from trivial, pondering, for example, what peaceful country requires citizens to keep guns in their homes? what continent contains at least 75 percent of the world's fresh water? and why aren't New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, and Philadelphia the capitals of their respective states? An inveterate traveler and geographer extraordinaire, Fuller provides extensive background, clear illustrations, and thorough explanations for each intriguing question, carefully grounding the text in practical geographic concepts. Both enjoyable and enlightening, this book challenges today's global generation to truly get to know their world.

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 thru or peruse at random. Maps. (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. (Foreword s) The Trivia Lover's Guide to the World is far from being trivial. Gary Fuller has written an entertaining and deeply informative book that is a delight to read and an essential antidote to the geographical lacuna that exists in contemporary America (and elsewhere). If you thought geography was about memorizing places on a map, think again, and pick up this book. (David Zurick, Eastern Kentucky University, and author of Himalaya: Encounters with the Roof of the World) Anyone who has a love for trivia or has been fortunate enough to enjoy Gary Fuller's university or ocean cruise lectures must have a copy of this book. He draws on his experience in studying populations to give a unique insight to geographic facts and history. An award-winning trivia player himself, he brings his professional and personal studies together to uncover the fascinating background stories behind trivia answers. A great read that should be shared with friends and family. (David McQuillan, map librarian, University of South Carolina) Anyone who loves geography and trivia will find this book hard to put down. (South Florida Sun Sentinel) In this enjoyable book Fuller (formerly, Univ. of Hawai'i) 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. Summing Up: Recommended. General readers. (CHOICE) Tucson resident Gary Fuller, Professor Emeritus of geography and Population studies at the University of

Hawaii at Manoa, has won the ForeWord s 2012 Book of the Year Silver Award at the American Library Association Conference in Chicago June 27- July 2, 2013. His book, The Trivia Lovers Guide to the World, Geography for the Lost and Found was published by Rowman Littlefield. (Saddlebrook Progress)About the AuthorGary Fuller taught at the University of Hawaii for thirty-five years before broadening his scope to lecture aboard cruise ships. A former winning contestant on the TV program Jeopardy! and a seasoned world traveler, Fuller is eminently qualified to educate as he entertains. He currently resides in Kailua, Hawaii.