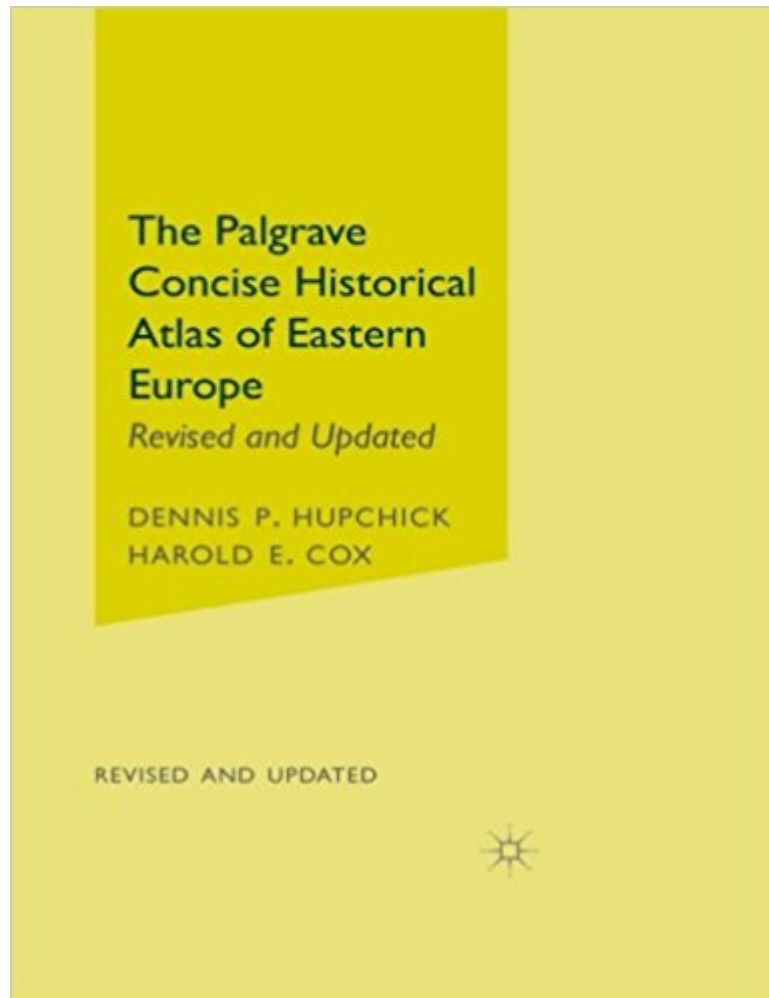




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I purchased this as a prelude to a tourist trip to Southeastern Europe -- territory that was behind the Iron Curtain during much of my life. It is also territory with a turbulent and confusing history, and many ethnic and religious rivalries. I found this Palgrave Historical Atlas to be at an ideal level to serve as an introduction to the geography, demographics, and history of this region, although I confess I remain overwhelmed by the details. Nevertheless, the text accompanying the many maps is generally well-written, and the maps are simplified and generalized to an appropriate degree to convey the territorial struggles and other spatial patterns without becoming overly confusing (all maps feature black & white lines with multiple shades of green used to portray areas of interest). As the authors state, boundaries were often fuzzy and shifting in this area where Muslims and Christians of various persuasions struggled for power and control at both local and regional scales. Indeed, a watershed struggle over Muslim / Christian dominance in Europe was played out on this Eastern margin, as it was in Spain and southwestern France in the West. The authors are to be complemented in maintaining a carefully neutral tone, while at the same time not stinting in their descriptions of the often arbitrary and ill-advised political and military decisions that have led to today's still somewhat unsettled national boundaries. For the information of prospective purchasers, this atlas deals with the swath of Eastern Europe from Poland in the north through the current countries of The Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Hungary, to the Balkans and Greece in the south, plus Romania and Bulgaria on the coast of the Black Sea. Germany, Russia, and Turkey, all key external players, are only portrayed and discussed along their respective bordering lands.

Perhaps the best single introduction and overview to the history and politics of that region. (Others are good, but I found this was the most useful.) When I need to refresh my memory, I find myself reaching for this book first.

I liked this book. It allowed me to get a visual representation into the history of Eastern Europe as I learned about it in my college class. Being able to put visual aids together with lecture notes greatly increases my understanding of material. I would recommend this book to anyone interested in knowing more about Eastern European history and the role it's played in the world.

Great guide to Eastern European History

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