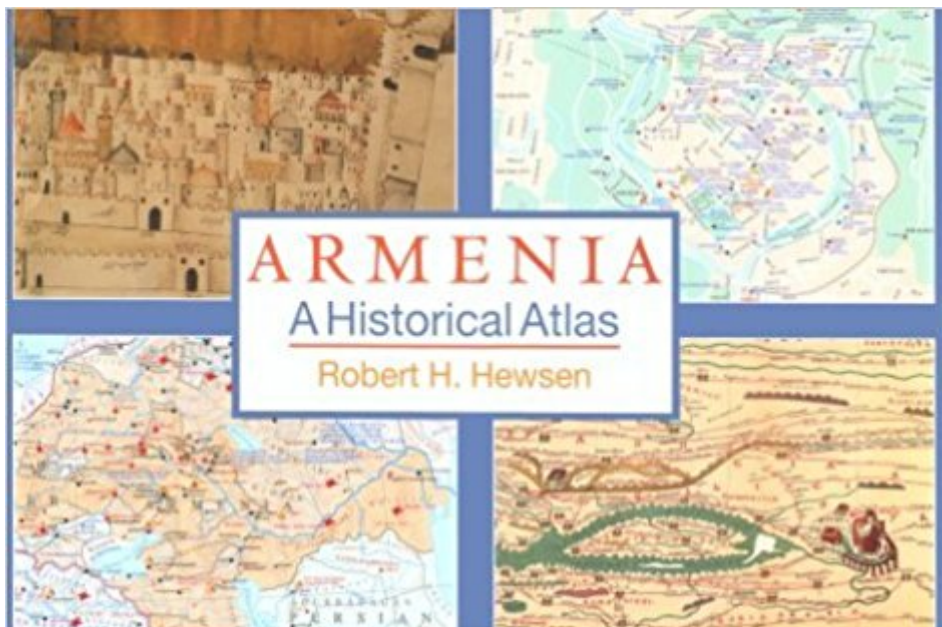


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Armenia: A Historical Atlas



Synopsis

From its conversion to Christianity to the Genocide during World War I, from the Soviet occupation to its recent independence, Armenia has seen a long and often turbulent history. In the magnificent *Armenia: A Historical Atlas*, Robert H. Hewsen traces Armenia's rich past from ancient times to the present day through more than two hundred full-color maps packed with information about physical geography, demography, and sociopolitical, religious, cultural, and linguistic history. Hewsen has divided the maps into five sections, each of which begins with a chronology of important dates and a historical introduction to the period. Specialized maps include Ptolemy's second-century map of Armenia, as well as maps of Roman, Cilician, Ottoman, tsarist, and Soviet Armenia. Other maps show the Persian khanate of Erevan, the Caucasian campaigns of World War I, the Armenian Genocide, the Armenian monuments in Turkey and Transcaucasia, the worldwide diaspora, ground plans of selected cities, and plans of the great monastery of Echmiadzin in 1660, 1890, and 1990. The atlas concludes with maps portraying the Karabagh war and the new Armenian Republic, and an extensive bibliography compiles references to the vast historical, ethnological, and travel literature on the region. The first comprehensive and authoritative atlas of any of the former Soviet republics, this book does not treat Armenia in isolation, but instead sets it within the context of Caucasia as a whole, providing detailed information on neighboring regions such as Georgia and Azerbaijan. *Armenia: A Historical Atlas* will be an essential reference and an important teaching tool for generations to come.

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“Concerned not only with the evolution of the Armenian empire-state from ancient times to the present, this atlas is also a highly informative history of Armenians covering an astonishingly broad range of subjects. . . . This rich and magisterial atlas is highly recommended.

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“Robert Hewsen has prepared an opus magnum that has no rival in Armenian studies. This pioneering and largely definitive work is the best atlas of Armenia ever prepared. It will be a valuable tool in the hands of historians, geographers, and students of Armenia and the Armenian people. . . . The atlas is accompanied by a rich historical and geographical text that enriches it enormously. The maps themselves are computer generated, clear, well presented, and attractive. Hewsen is to be heartily congratulated on a work that is extremely useful and will now form the authoritative basis for this field. All students of Armenia are in his debt.

(Michael E. Stone Slavic Review)

I had already seen this book before I purchased it. Although I have not yet gone through it thoroughly, my purchased copy confirms my earlier impression of a magnificent work, whose text has, however, not been well proofread. For example, you read that there are three lakes in the Armenian area, and TWO of them are described as the deepest! However, the actual depths are also given, so you can work out for yourself which is the deepest, if it interests you. Having seen it first, I then went on to purchase it, so that speaks for itself. I recommend this book.

There isn't a more comprehensive book detailing the history of Armenia & the Armenian Highland than this atlas. It is a must have for any history enthusiast/student studying the history of Armenia, the Near East or the history of the world in general.

A monumental achievement! Exhaustive, well researched, meticulous scholarly work with beautiful maps. Dr Hewsen deserves kudos for this much needed historical atlas of Armenia

This atlas is full of interesting information and maps dating from ancient to modern times. An excellent resource for one interested in that part of the world.

Very good. However, I disagree with some, very few, of the authors statements. But, this can be said about any history book. Trust, but verify. It is so important, when we talk about history in general and, especially, about history of a country that old. There is no even one history book, that tells you an absolutely truth. It is, only, the opinion of the author. People have to remember it.

Robert Hewsen's "Armenia A Historical Atlas" is a true masterpiece. This atlas contains 278 detailed color maps that chronicle Armenian history from antiquity to the present day. The maps are meticulously accurate, very detailed and visually appealing. They also show precise topographic, political, religious, onomastic and historical details. There is a mixture of many regional maps, detailed local maps, city maps and even building plans. Each map is accompanied by a very detailed overview of the time period and theme covered in the map. The work is a remarkable feat of research, drawing on countless primary and secondary sources in numerous languages. The real strength of this work is that it chronicles, in both visual and written form, Armenian history from generation to generation over millennia. As such, this book is an invaluable resource for all histories that coincide with Armenian history, especially the regions of Eastern Anatolia, Western Iran and the Caucasus. You will find numerous historical details about Byzantine, Persian, Eastern Christian, Seljuk, Georgian, Ottoman, Russian and Soviet histories not easily found in other historical atlases. I highly recommend this atlas to anyone interested in Armenian history or in the history of this region.

I absolutely love this book. It is THE authoritative geographic resource on Armenia and the Caucasus, featuring tons of historical information and visual illustrations. It is everything that a Caucasus specialist needs plus more. The only work that comes close to it is the Russian-language "Atlas etnopoliticheskoi istorii Kavkaza (1774-2004)" ["Atlas of the Ethno-Political History of the Caucasus (1774-2004)"] written by the Russian-Ossetian scholar Artur Tsutsiev and published in Moscow in 2006. However, even that work, as good as it is, does not have the scope, grandeur, or majesty of Hewsen's atlas, which measures 19x11 inches and includes three hundred and forty-two breathtaking pages. Highly recommended for any serious student of Armenia and the Caucasus.

The trouble with this thing is its size. Although only 11 inches high, when opened it is 3 feet across. About the only way to read it is to put on a table and stand up. There are 278 maps, usually with text on the facing page. It can be read as a history, but there is too much detail for a proper narrative. It is mainly a resource to look up details.

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