

Synopsis

Remarkably, more than half the world's population now lives in cities, and the numbers grow daily as people abandon rural areas. This fully updated and revised fifth edition of the classic text offers readers a comprehensive set of tools for understanding the urban landscape, and, by extension, the world's politics, cultures, and economies. Providing a sweeping overview of world urban geography, a group of noted experts explores the eleven major global regions. Each author presents the region's urban history, economy, culture and society, as well as urban spatial models and problems and prospects. Environmental, human security, globalization, and cyberspace topics are fully developed as well. Vignettes of seventy-eight key cities give the reader a vivid understanding of daily life and the "spirit of place." An introductory chapter presents an overview of key terms and concepts, and a concluding chapter projects the world's urban future. Liberally illustrated with a new selection of photographs, maps, and diagrams, the text also includes a rich array of boxes to highlight key topics ranging from gender and the city to Islamic fashion and global warming. Bibliographic sources, websites, and an appendix of UN data provide additional resources for helping students understand more about the urban world. Clearly written and timely, this text will be invaluable for those teaching introductory or advanced classes on global cities, regional geography, and urban studies.

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PRAISE FOR THE FOURTH EDITION *Cities of the World* is comprehensive and presents in-depth

discussions of world cities that are shaped by different historical, geographical, political, and cultural circumstances. I highly recommend this excellent text to undergraduate classes in general education, geography, planning and urban studies, international development, and to anyone interested in world cities and regions. (Journal Of Geography) PRAISE FOR THE FOURTH EDITION Outstanding! This thoroughly updated classic offers a comprehensive portrayal of the character and complexity of the world's cities. Contemporary trends and issues that continue to reshape all corners of the globe unfold here in a thoroughly accessible manner. Whether one considers environmental issues, growth trends, tourism appeal, or historical context, *Cities of the World* delivers for the reader. Appropriate as both a textbook and reference tool, urbanists in all fields will gain from the insights that geographers present here. Students of the humanities, social sciences, and business disciplines will equally benefit. (Hartshorn, Truman A.)

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Good textbook. Interesting subject matter that includes a bit of history for each region and city that I found useful in contexting current issues. Well organized but I would have preferred a larger glossary for key terms in each chapter. So much ground is covered that it gets a little confusing. So I would recommend the e-book version, just for that reason. But also an Ebook would be easier to use. This is a heavy book to hold in one hand or prop up. So not so much fun when you are working on a laptop. You are still pretty much stuck at the table or desk.

This book, although required for my class, is interesting and very informative on its own. The information is very current and thought-provoking.

I used this text for a basic GEO course. Very difficult to read. Dense material with a lot of text. I would not recommend this textbook. Very little pictures and they were in black and white which made it harder to look at and comprehend.

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