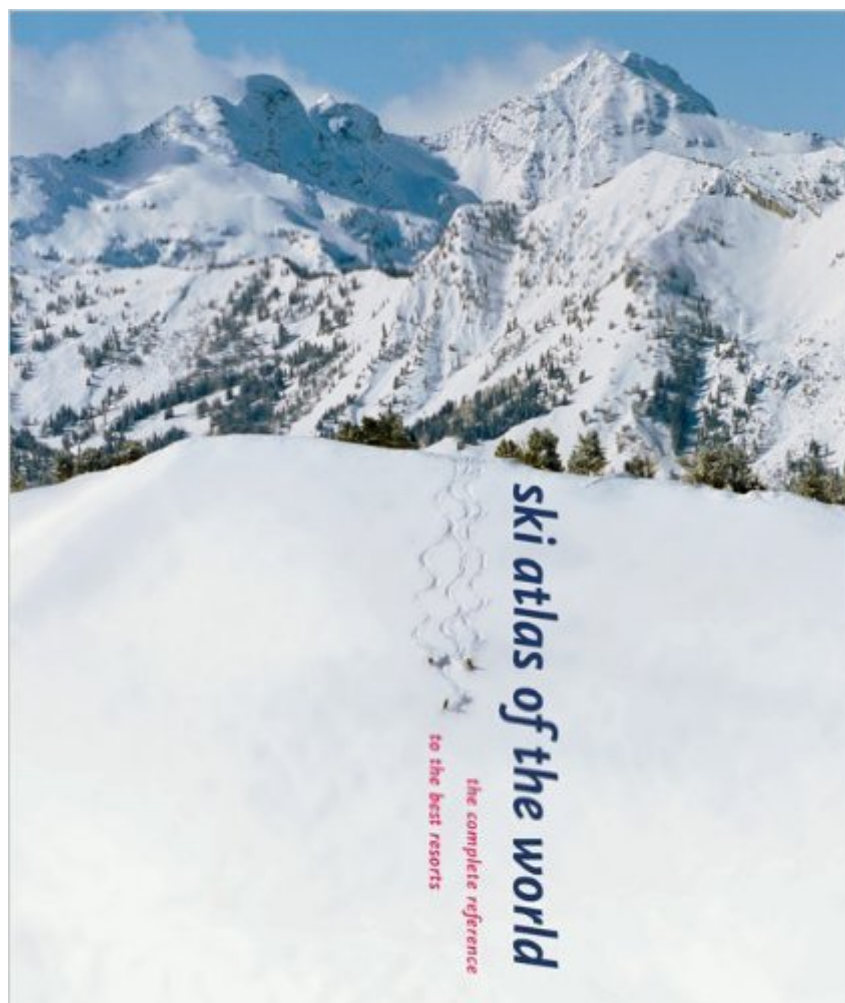


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# Ski Atlas Of The World: The Complete Reference To The Best Resorts



## Synopsis

Whether at world-class ski resorts or on slopes covered with man-made snow, people of all ages seek out the unique thrill of skiing year after year. *Ski Atlas of the World* is an invaluable reference guide for anyone who has an interest in skiing—or like Arnie Wilson, the Atlas's globetrotting, resort-hopping, Guinness record-setting editor, a passion for it. The focus of the book is a series of 80 profiles of the best places to ski in Europe and North America, including such world-famous resorts as Val d'Isère, Zermatt, Aspen, and Whistler, and such up-and-coming ski areas as Bulgaria, Romania, and Slovakia. Each profile details terrain characteristics, resort character and tone, history of the facilities, and more. Double-page maps appear throughout the book, beginning with a large-scale map of the world's mountain ranges and followed by maps showing the resorts' locations relative to each other. Rounding out the Atlas is an overview of skiing in Australasia, Japan, and South America. The editor's encyclopedic knowledge of skiing destinations and infectious enthusiasm for the sport inform all 300 pages of this outstanding resource. Whatever your skill level and no matter what you're looking for in a resort, *Ski Atlas of the World* will help you find the perfect place to take your next skiing vacation.

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## Customer Reviews

The cover of this book sums up its strengths and weaknesses nicely. The beautiful cover photograph of three skiers descending a spectacular snowfield in Utah's Wasatch Range suggests that this is an attractive coffee-table book. Unfortunately, the book's title and subtitle ("*Ski Atlas of the World: The Complete Reference to the Best Resorts*") contains at least three false statements.

First, the book is not an "atlas"--or at least not the type of atlas most ski buffs would expect. There are vaguely drawn maps showing the general location of various resorts around the world. But the book has no trail maps of the resorts. So it is impossible to get much of a feel for the extent of the resorts or the nature of their terrain. Second, despite the book's claim to be the ultimate "reference", it contains virtually no reference information, just a handful of low-content pages at the back. There's really nothing here that would help someone plan a vacation -- no hotel or restaurant recommendations, no hints about prices. This is not usually a fatal problem for a coffee-table book, but it should not claim to be a "reference". Third, the book is not really "complete" -- it really only skims the surface of the top resorts, and leaves plenty of notable spots out. The editorial voice reads more like advertising copy than a discerning, critical examination of the strengths and weaknesses of the various resorts and their appeal to different types of skiers. A much better choice in this respect would be *Where To Ski and Snowboard Worldwide: The Reuters Guide*. But back to the bright side -- the photography makes this a perfectly acceptable coffee-table book. Too bad the publisher decided to market it as an entirely different product by slapping a deceptive title on the cover.

Having mainly been ski-ing in Australia at Guthega, Perisher Blue and Thredbo with a couple of trips over the Tasman to NZ to ski at Mt Hutt and Coronet Peak and once last year to Whistler Blackcomb in BC the *Ski Atlas of the World* has really opened up my mind to many more potential ski locations in the northern hemisphere. The regional maps in the *Ski Atlas* provide an excellent overview of the available resorts and the locality maps help one gain a realistic image of the full potential for ski-ing at each resort with lift and trail details. I found the photographs to be particularly outstanding and I could actually visualise being at the location. The *Atlas* has already given me an advance knowledge of what I can expect when I fly out of Sydney on 30 January for St Anton followed by Chamonix. It is great to be able to read about all the top ski locations in the world all collected in one excellent reference book containing all the information one needs.

I bought this book as a gift to a friend for Christmas. It is a great coffee table book for any ski town home. There are easy to read fun articles about ski resorts all over the world. Great to browse through or get ideas for a ski trip. I would recommend this book to a friend.

I bought this for a ski friend and they have commented multiple times how good it was and how much they liked it. They have even been to several of the locations noted in the book and feel they

were well described.

Bought this for my inlaws, who are HUGE ski enthusiasts. They loved it! Great photos and info on various ski resorts throughout the world. Makes a great coffee table book. Even non skiers would love the beautiful snow pics

I was looking for maps of ski runs, this is more like a simple compilation of each resorts marketing materials. May just be me, but seems more fluff than substance

After buying many ski books, I definitely think this one is the best. The pictures are amazing, the descriptions are good and accurate. I recommend this book to every good skier, dreaming of hitting the slopes somewhere else in the world!

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