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**Roger Few : The Atlas of Wild Places: In Search of the Earth's Last Wildernesses** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Atlas of Wild Places: In Search of the Earth's Last Wildernesses:

The Atlas of Wild Places offers the ecologically-minded world traveler a chance to discover the miraculous diversity of nature's untouched realms from the comfort of home. Traverse the globe through seven chapters that capture the shifting moods and mysterious characters of more than 40 wilderness zones in evocative photographs and descriptive essays. Experience habitats as forbidding as the Tibesti Mountains marooned in Africa's Sahara Desert or the unknown peaks and plateaus of Tadjikistan's Pamirs, home to the snow leopard and ibex. Marvel at places as rarefied and surprising as the rainforest at the tip of Australia's Cape York or Georgia's primeval Okefenokee Swamp. Locator maps direct the reader to the heart of each area, and specially devised "eco-diagrams" reveal the interlocking factors that shape the terrain and climate of a particular region. Masterful photography and explanatory side boxes identify the hardy animals and exquisite plants that have adapted to the wilderness. Illustrated features consider the human dimension and the remarkable interaction between indigenous peoples and nature. A gazetteer provides insights into more than 80 other wild places, including officially recognized World Heritage Sites and Wilderness Areas.

From School Library Journal YA-This combination of gorgeous photographs and readable text provides teens with an excellent introduction to many of the world's remaining wilderness areas. The main body of the book is divided into seven regions-Polar, North and Central America, South America, Africa, Europe, Asia, and Southeast Asia and Australia. (For the continental U.S., only the Okefenokee Swamp in Georgia and Florida and the Mazatzal Wilderness of Arizona were selected.) Few describes the geography, geological makeup, flora and fauna, and weather systems affecting each of the 41 areas discussed. Relief maps and full-color diagrams are included. The descriptions make readers aware of the widely varying terrain on our planet and convey the author's enthusiasm for preserving the entire ecological base of each area. A gazeteer provides capsule descriptions of 89 more wild areas. Useful for assignments but interesting reading on its own. Patricia Q. Noonan, Prince William Public Library System, Manassas, VA Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc.

From Library Journal Few (Macmillan Children's Guide to Endangered Animals, Macmillan, 1993) offers heavily illustrated four-to six-page profiles of 41 isolated wildernesses scattered around the globe, plus a gazeteer containing brief profiles of 89 other wild areas. Each chapter presents basic facts (land area, distance above/below sea level, geological age, and seasonal temperature) along with a summary of the plants, animals, and people indigenous to the region. A global map projection places the regions discussed in an international context, while smaller maps in each chapter show regional details; these maps could have used more labeling of major features such as rivers and lakes. Occasional two-page photo-essays examine in detail people or wildlife unique to the region. The most useful aspect of this book is its coverage of wildernesses outside the United States. An optional purchase for public and school libraries. -Laurie Tynan, Montgomery Cty. Norristown P.L., Pa. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc.