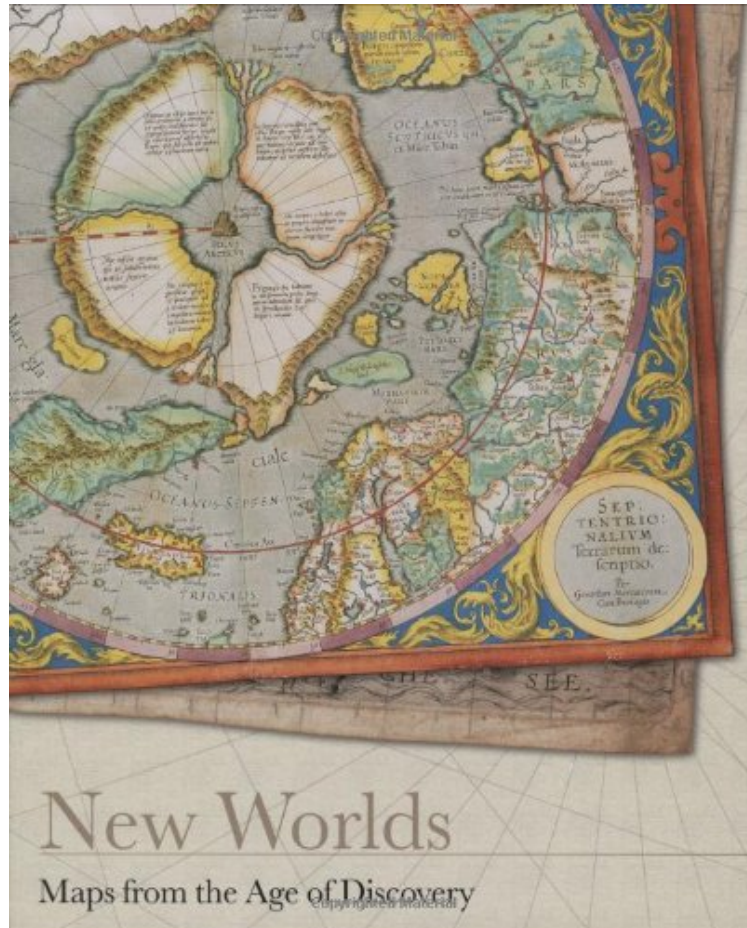


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**Ashley Baynton-Williams, Miles Baynton-Williams : New Worlds: Maps From The Age of Discovery** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised New Worlds: Maps From The Age of Discovery:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Riveting coffee-table book By A MacDonald There is some terrific stuff in this folio. The size -- both in terms of surface area and number of items. It's not a "5" though because a number of historically important maps are missing -- the 1450 Fra Mauro map (a masterpiece of its age), the first map labeling America, the or the 1513 Ottoman maps of Reis (spelling?). So while the general sweep of cartography is captured within the book, specific turning points are obvious in their omission. Good craftsmanship. Concise but useful notes. This review refers to the large format (14 x 17") edition. There is a smaller edition sold by . Many of the original maps are wall sized and some of the detail is lost when reduced to a 17 x 28" double page spread. It would likely be worse if the format was even smaller. LATER EDIT: I've since become less enamored of the book (downgrade to 3 from 4 stars) simply because it is difficult to find specific place names on many of the maps due even in the large

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' as much as a labour of love as a book. This collection of maps from 'the Age of Discovery' is staggeringly beautiful.' Good Book Guide About the Author Ashley Miles Baynton-Williams are the third generation of their family to work in the field of antiquarian maps. In 1999, they founded MapForum.Com, an internet and print magazine for antique map collectors.