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Review of Historical Atlas of Oklahoma

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This new edition, which draws upon the 1980 census, updates an excellent historical atlas that was first published in 1965. It includes eighty-three maps, of which perhaps a dozen incorporate new data. Each map is accompanied by a page of text that elucidates the map and often presents additional information. Besides standard historical topics, other subjects such as physiography, natural resources, population, and education are treated cartographically.

As one should expect in the case of Oklahoma, a substantial proportion of the maps—about one-third—treat topics that relate directly to Indian history. The complicated history of tribal lands is summarized effectively, as are the tangled spatial and temporal relationships of the Panhandle (No Man's Land) and Greer County, located in the southwestern corner of Oklahoma, which had long been claimed by Texas.

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