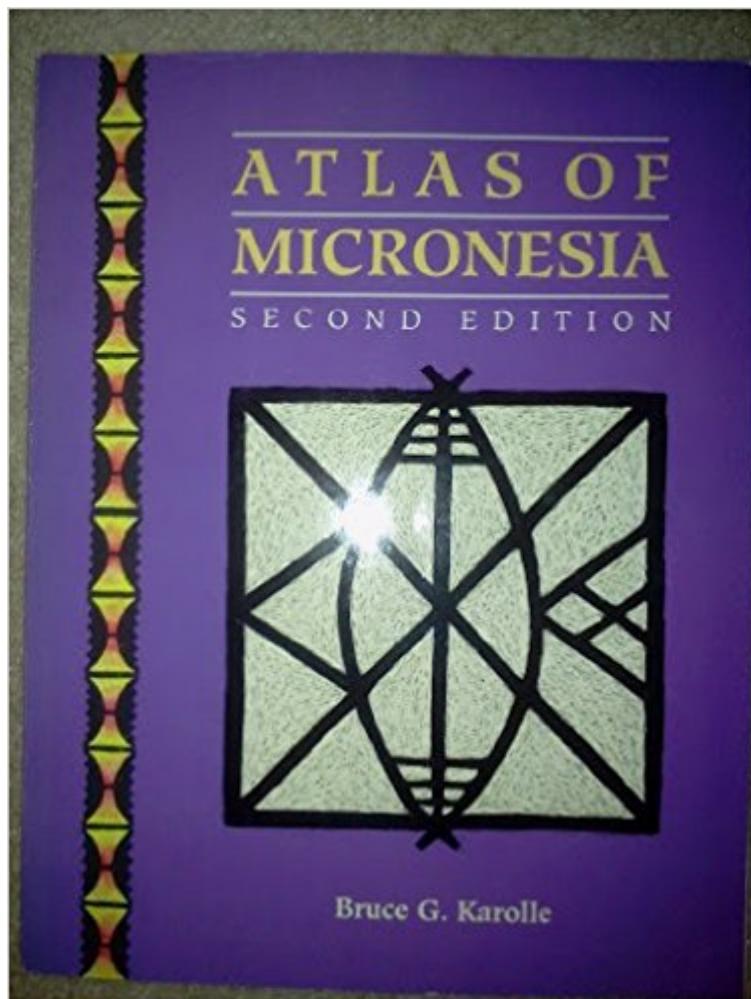


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areas."Author Karolle is professor of geography at the Micronesian Area Research Center, University of Guam. The Atlas of Micronesia will be a required purchase for any library aspiring to provide information about this part of the world.

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"the second edition of Karolle's ATLAS OF MICRONESIA...is better produced than the first edition... The tragedy is that it could have been so much better with only a little more effort... The text cries out for good editing... With good editing the text probably could have been condensed by about a third... As in the first edition, the section on climate and weather comes long after that on physical geography, an anachronism that necessarily detracts from the understanding of intervening sections... [Karolle's atlas] is overly concerned with minutiae and irrelevancies... There are many errors in the book... There are many curious phrases that may confuse readers... There are still other places where the facts are dated... Sections of the book are dull and ponderous... In reviewing the first edition of the ATLAS OF MICRONESIA, Connell hoped that the second edition would be definitive. Sadly to report it is not--indeed many deficiencies of the first edition remain. Although this volume will undoubtedly become widely used throughout Micronesia, it deserves little credit as a scholarly undertaking." [excerpted from review by Patrick Nunn. In: ISLA: Journal of Micronesian Studies, Vol. 2(2):325-330, 1994]

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