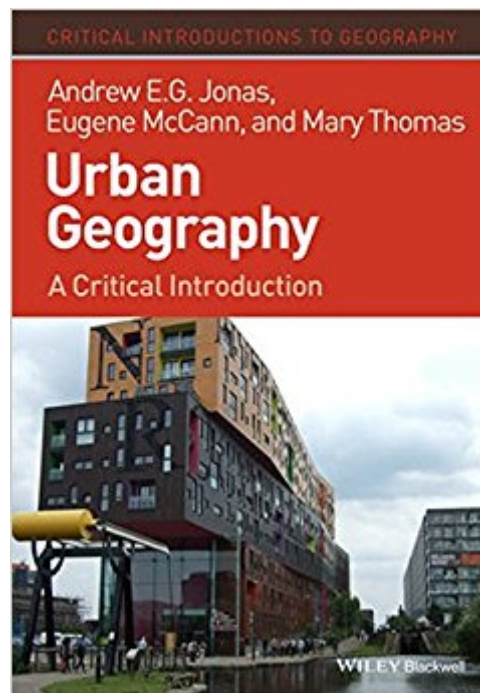




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Customer Reviews

I would like this book for the above points. The authors have succeeded to stir thoughts about urbanization and to appreciate urban geography from an alternative perspective. This book would be particularly helpful to students and those involved in urbanization processes, including businesses. (3D Visualization World Magazine, 24 June 2015)

An excellent textbook for urban geography courses: accessible, comprehensive and stimulating. For the student who wants to know how and why cities continue to matter, Andrew Jonas, Eugene

McCann and Mary Thomas have produced a pedagogic tour-de-force. Kevin Ward, University of Manchester – An excellent and comprehensive introduction to cities’ uneven geographies and the diverse processes and experiences that co-produce them. Each of its empirically rich and theoretically rigorous chapters will engage, excite and extend students, while giving them a solid grounding. Pauline McGuirk, Director, Centre for Urban and Regional Studies, University of Newcastle, Australia --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

The organization of this textbook is great! It is very easy to read as far as textbooks go. One thing I really like in terms of facilitating a close reading of the information is that the beginning of each chapter gives you 5 or so key questions that will be answered throughout the chapter. If you can answer those questions by the end you have a good grasp on the material. It is on the shorter end as far as textbooks go, and does not require extensive note taking to absorb the materials. It is written in a historical format.

I'm an economics student about to graduate and I found this book to be uninformative and blatantly biased. I am not opposed to different viewpoints but they must be discussed in an unbiased way. On top of the obvious left spin, the discussions on urban geography and space do not establish or explain very strong arguments or conclusions. The book basically just keeps telling you how geography, space, and people, all effect each other and we need to look at them.

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