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This book covers a lot of territory, in more ways than one, in its exploration of how man has gone about surveying the land, the ocean depths and the night sky. Inevitably in such a wide-ranging 'quest' the author has had to be selective in his choice of material and some aspects are only briefly touched upon. Notwithstanding this, we are taken on a fascinating journey which begins with such basic considerations as why we need maps and how map-makers have wrestled with the problem of showing 'our round world on a flat surface'. We also encounter such diverse subjects as the Flat Earth Society, plate tectonics and how the dark side of the moon was mapped. It's a tribute to Peter Chrisp's clear, concise style and narrative skills that he's woven it all into a seamless, easily assimilated and absorbing text - which has been augmented by a plethora of diagrams, photos and illustrations.

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