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Hanks (Oklahoma State Univ., Stillwater) here addresses 150 terms and core concepts basic to the understanding of geography. Terms are provided via an alphabetical list of entries and also grouped under the categories of physical and human geography. Additional access is through a 20-page index. Compared to entries in standard dictionaries, these are much lengthier. At minimum, each entry covers one page, and many go up to three. Some entries contain sidebars that provide related coverage on a topic. The work is primarily text based; figures and tables are minimal. A bibliography with some 100 sources provides options for pursuing additional research on the concepts addressed. This work attempts to serve as both a geographical dictionary and an encyclopedia, but likely fails to serve either purpose well. A better work in the latter category is the Encyclopedia of Geography, edited by Barney Warf (CH, Apr'11, 48-4240), though it is significantly more expensive. Readers may find that simple term definition is more easily accomplished on the Internet. This work is most appropriate for libraries wanting to provide their patrons with a basic grounding in geography at an accessible price point. Summing Up: Recommended. Lower-level undergraduates and general readers.

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