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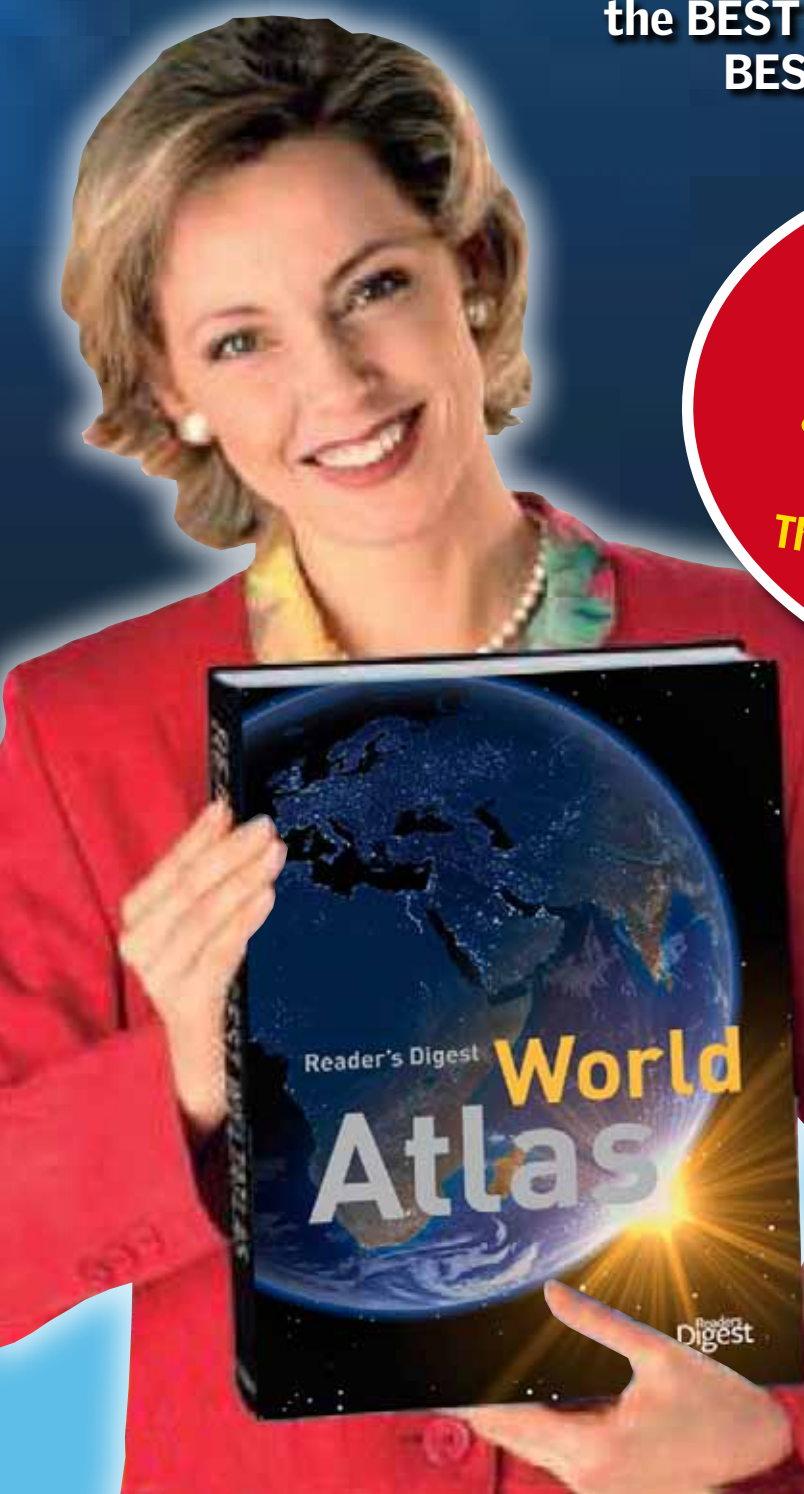
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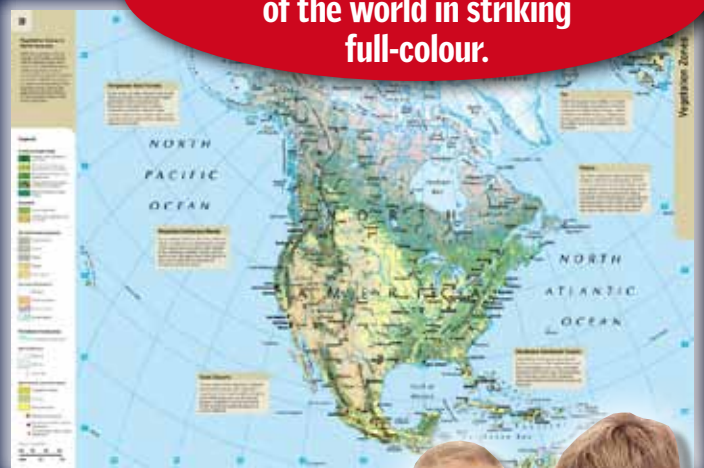
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The nation once known as Burma with the capital city of Rangoon has gone through a host of changes. It is now called Myanmar and you can VISIT its new capital city of Naypyidaw on **page 72**.



### LEAP FROG

At the end of 2011 Samoa and Tokelau made a 'move' westwards, jumping over the International Dateline to align with their major trading partners, Australia and New Zealand, rather than the U.S.A. OBSERVE the new course of the dateline on **page 39**.



### NEWBORN NATION

South Sudan is the most recent addition to the nations of the world. SEE its borders on **page 197**.



### ELEVATED RAIL

TRACE THE PATH of China's new Qinghai-Tibet railway which when it crosses the mountains into Tibet at the Tanggula Pass, is the highest railway in the world. **page 101**.



### REGROUPING

Denmark underwent a major administrative reorganization in 2007 when the 16 counties were abolished and replaced by division into 5 larger regions. UNDERSTAND the change on **page 142**.



### WINTER WONDERLAND

VISIT the new research stations established by Belgium, India and France/Italy in Antarctica on **page 142**.





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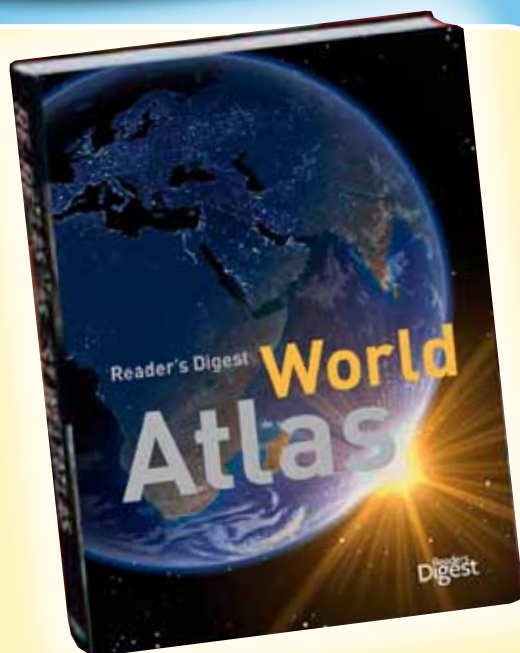


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