

How Scientists See the World: 10 Data Visualizations From the Atlas of Science



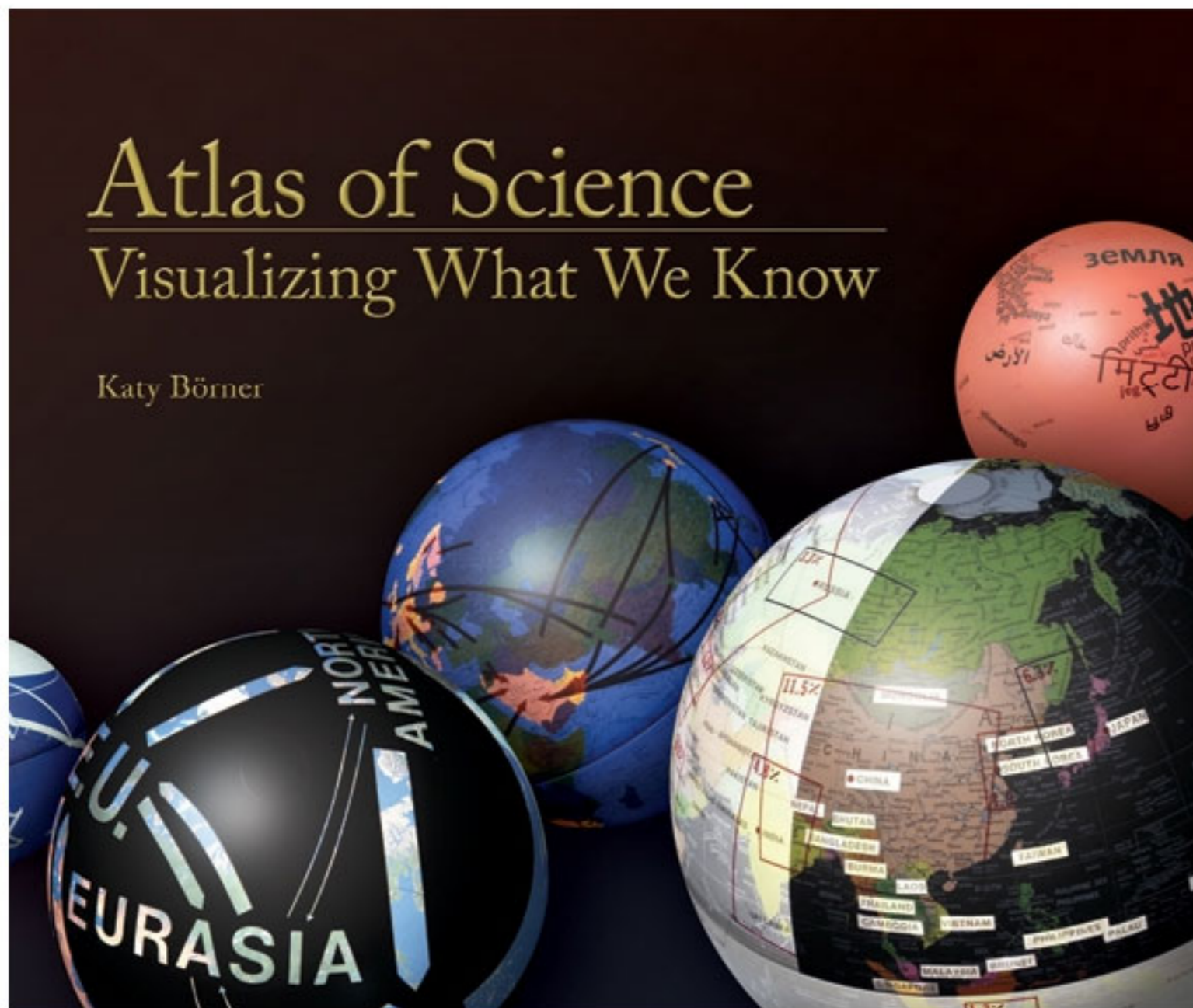
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As the amount and complexity of scientific data increases, the need to better visualize that information becomes more important. In the new book *Atlas of Science: Visualizing What We Know*, author Katy Börner gathers hundreds of examples of scientific maps, data charts, and timelines that span both geography and history--the book includes Claudius Ptolemy's *Cosmographia* World Map from 1482. These data-driven graphics aren't always well-designed -- some are simple and direct, others require a PhD to decipher -- but the book does illustrate the way scientific culture is becoming increasingly visual.

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