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#### Review

Joel Kovarsky offers the reflections of a passionate map expert on an important and neglected dimension of Jefferson's life and work. The book is a guided tour of the maps and geographic ideas that meant something to Jefferson over the course of his life, one that opens a new window into his broader vision for early America.

(S. Max Edelson, University of Virginia)

Kovarsky has succeeded admirably in presenting a comprehensive review of Jefferson's geographic and cartographic associations, whether they resulted in the production of a geographic text, published or manuscript maps, or a concept/idea that produced a practical/tangible product. His research is thorough and solid, and he offers new facets and perspectives on Jefferson's geographical contributions in a well-written thematic presentation.

(Ronald E. Grim, Curator of Maps, Norman B. Leventhal Map Center at the Boston Public Library)

Kovarsky's book shows that understanding Jefferson requires an appreciation for his immersion in geographic concepts and questions. The author's own deep knowledge of the maps of the era enriches the story.

(William C. Wooldridge *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*)

I laud Mr. Kovarsky for his wonderful work and research in tackling a previously unaddressed cartographic topic. I recommend this book without reservation to individuals, organizations and institutions in enhancing their cartographic or geographic reference library and to Washington Map Society members as a valuable and insightful read.

(Douglas R. Lyon *The Portolan*)

Using Jefferson's substantial contributions to the early mapping of the USA throughout his long productive life as the focus of study, this book provides a useful and thorough examination and review of the thinking and methods behind the creation of early maps in the USA, rather than merely a description of those maps.

"[A] useful introduction for those seeking a brief review of the landscape of Jeffersonian geography.

(*Historical Geography*)

The book is well written and lets Jefferson speak for himself through his writings, which allows the reader to 'get inside his mind'. I can confidently recommend this book as an intriguing look at Thomas Jefferson's view of geography and cartography.

(Judith Tyner *Geographical Review*)

Kovarsky reminds us of the wide-ranging ways to employ and also display geographic knowledge, beyond map creation, in the early American republic and he has created a useful reference for Jefferson's interests and their underlying connections to geography and the physical world.

(Jordan Fansler *H-Net Reviews*)

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