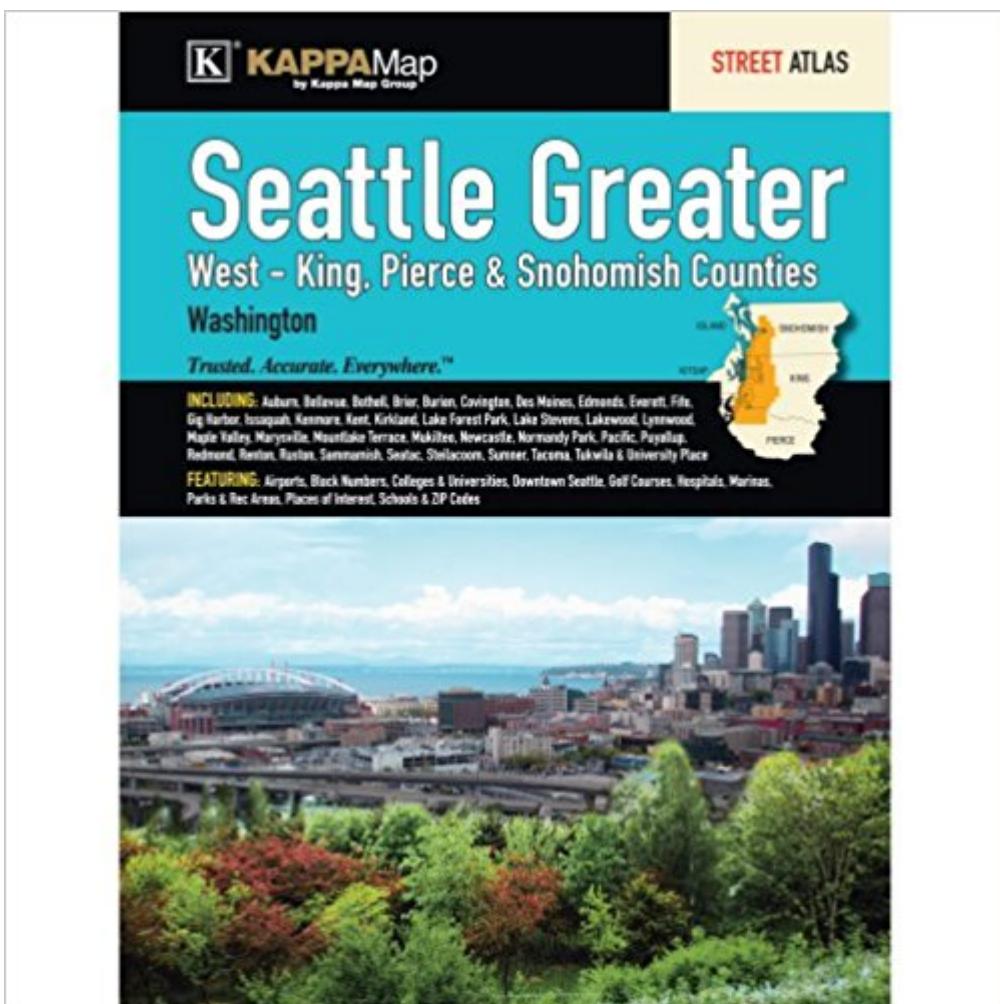


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# The Seattle Greater (West - King, Pierce & Snohomish Counties), Washington Street Atlas



## **Synopsis**

The Seattle Greater (West - King, Pierce & Snohomish Counties) WA Street Atlas is a full-color street detail atlas, including: Auburn, Bellevue, Bothell, Brier, Burien, Covington, Des Moines, Edmonds, Everett, Fife, Gig Harbor, Issaquah, Kenmore, Kent, Kirkland, Lake Forest Park, Lake Stevens, Lakewood, Lynnwood, Maple Valley, Marysville, Mountlake Terrace, Mukilteo, Newcastle, Normandy Park, Pacific, Puyallup, Redmond, Renton, Ruston, Sammamish, Seatac, Steilacoom, Sumner, Tacoma, Tukwila & University Place; and featuring: Airports, Block Numbers, Colleges & Universities, Downtown Seattle, Golf Courses, Hospitals, Marinas, Parks & Rec Areas, Places of Interest, Schools & ZIP Codes

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## **Customer Reviews**

I figured I would write a review for this guide since I couldn't find any reviews or pictures of the inside of this book online before purchasing it. I am giving this map book 4 out of 5 stars, because it is a good map book at a very good price, but it didn't get the last star from me, because this book does have some weaknesses. For reference purposes, I have been using Thomas Guides for around 20 years and I have always thought of them as the gold standard for maps. The Seattle Greater map book was my best attempt at finding an equal replacement for my almost worn out 2008 Thomas King, Pierce, and Snohomish Guide. I believe people in the same situation will be the prime demographic for buying this book, so the remainder of this review will be approached from the point of view of a direct comparison between the two map books. The good--It uses the same main grid style that the Thomas Guide did, and the individual map pages are drawn using the same 1in=2000ft scale that the Thomas Guide used.-The map pages are colorful and they look very

similar in overall design.-There is a main index for looking up street names, and it will tell you which individual map to go to.-The individual maps show schools, public buildings, etc. and they have address delineations along the length of longer roads in order to help with specific address pinpointing.-The Seattle Greater book has less pages, so it is a bit more compact and noticeably lighter than a Thomas Guide. In my opinion the quality of the paper is better with the Seattle Greater book, but I never did have any problems with my Thomas Guide pages ripping. The Seattle greater pages are like high quality heavier weight home printer paper by look and feel.The bad/ different--All streets are combined into one single index instead of being separated by county as was done in the Thomas Guides, and the font is smaller so it is harder to read.-When looking up individual streets in the index, the Seattle Greater book does not give you an address delineation along with the street (in the index) to tell you if you are picking the correct individual map. This can be a bit of a hassle for long roads that span multiple map pages, and it slows you down if you are trying to find a specific address fast.-Thomas Guides wrote the main roads (with names) in all capital letters, but the smaller roads were in lower case with a capital first letter only. The Seattle Greater writes every named road in all capital letters. It might not seem like a big deal, but this difference makes the smaller road names noticeably harder to read in the Seattle Greater book.-Visually the fonts in the Seattle Greater book are a bit harder to read overall. It can be hard to tell if a street is 106th, 108th, or 109th, because a 6, 8, and 9 look almost indistinguishable unless you look very close. This can really slow down progress, especially if you are trying to read the map while someone else is driving.-The maps overall do have a lower quality feel and look to them, but that is to be somewhat expected since the Seattle Greater book has a MSRP of a bit less than half what a Thomas Guide used to cost when new. The best way I could state the difference would be to say that the Thomas Guides looked very sharp, like they were printed on a color laser printer, whereas the Seattle Greater guide looks like it was printed on a higher-end home ink jet printer. Everything is just a little bit less crisp and defined.-What I believe to be the most important difference is that the Seattle Greater book does not cover the same overall area that the Thomas Guide used to cover even though they both cover King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties. I will try my best to explain the areas that are not covered in the Seattle Greater book that were covered by the Thomas Guide.1-On the south end, nothing south of Orting is covered in this book. These were the maps numbered from 865 up through the 900s in the 2008 Thomas Guide. That includes Eatonville, Roy, the lower half of Fort Lewis, and all the surrounding area south of Orting.2-On the west side, everything west of Gig Harbor is eliminated. This includes Case inlet, and Carr Inlet, on down to Dupont.3-The eastern map boundary change is the change that will be the most important for many of you. Draw an imaginary

north-south line through the center of Sammamish and everything east of that line is eliminated across the board. This includes half of Issaquah, the eastern outskirts of Redmond, North Bend, Snoqualmie, Carnation, Duvall, Monroe, Sultan, Gold Bar, Index, Granite Falls, Enumclaw, Buckley, most of Black Diamond, and some of Maple Valley.4-On the north end, everything north of WA-531 (just north of the Tulalip Indian Reservation) is eliminated. This includes Stanwood, Arlington, Darrington, and the surrounding areas. These maps were numbered between 275 and 317 in the 2008 Thomas Guide.

It's ok, but not much better than that for me. The street names are quite hard to read and as another reviewer noted, the printing leaves something to be desired. Think dot matrix and faded and blurry. If you are fairly familiar with the Seattle area, then this would likely be just fine. I am not so having fuzzy street names didn't work out that well for us. I miss the old versions of these.

Was really hoping for more street details.

Too many streets are in the gutters. Edges aren't matching.

nice update

Excellent maps - just wish they went farther east in Snohomish County.

Thank you for the prompt service. This is very useful even though I have a GPS.

Very good for the price. Well worth it

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