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**Amazon Best Books of the Month, September 2011** Ken Jennings, best known for his epic winning streak on *Jeopardy!* in 2004, returns to the writing world with *Maphead*, a charming, funny, and of course, informational book about the world of maps and the people who love them. Even if maps are not your thing, Jennings writes about them with such affection and humor that the topic becomes fascinating; the clever captions for the maps in the book alone are worth the read (the first map in the book compares shapes of places that were “separated at birth” and are therefore soul mates. Included: Lake Michigan and Sweden). From the politics of geocaching to the ups and downs of the contestants participating in the National Geographic Bee (which, according to Alex Trebek, should have its own prime-time show like the spelling bee), Jennings captures the excitement and wonder of places. --*Caley Anderson*

Review

“Jennings is a very witty, insightful writer and has written an entertaining and educational book about maps and the geeks who obsess over them.” —Pauline Frommer, travel writer and founding editor of Frommers.com

“It’s a fun read that’s not just for wonks.” —*The Salt Lake Tribune*

“[A] spirited layman’s history of cartography.” —*Harpers*

About the Author

**Ken Jennings** won seventy-four games and \$2.52 million on *Jeopardy!*, both U.S. game show records. His book, *Brainiac*, about his bizarre *Jeopardy!* adventures and the phenomenon of trivia in American culture, was a national bestseller. He currently lives outside Seattle, with his family and a deeply unstable Labrador retriever named Banjo.

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