

borderlines in some cases, for example the United Kingdom (141) where it is hard to discern the boundary between England and Scotland.

Following the main section is a selective bibliography (one and one-half pages) and an index. The index is helpful in pinpointing references to people, events, geographic features such as mountains and rivers, and political subdivisions lacking their own entries.

The only directly comparable work this reviewer could locate is Gideon Biger's *The Encyclopedia of International Boundaries* (Facts on File, 1995). It too offers comprehensive worldwide coverage including historical background and present situation, along with similar outline maps (and also photographs of border regions, border crossing stations, and the like), but is somewhat dated. There are many more reference works on boundaries, but most confine themselves to specific countries or regions. Diener and Hagen's *Borders: A Very Short Introduction* (Oxford University Press, 2012) may serve as a complement to the specific coverage of *Nation Shapes* by offering a concise overview of the interdisciplinary field of border studies and thereby providing context.

Nation Shapes largely achieves its stated purpose of addressing fundamental questions regarding how boundaries came to be, how they evolved over time, and current conflicts over territory. Because of its currency, authority, and thorough coverage, it is recommended for all libraries.—Michael L. Nelson, *Collection Development Librarian, University of Wyoming Libraries, Laramie, Wyoming*

The Sage Reference Series on Disability: Key Issues and Future Directions. Edited by Gary L. Albrecht. Los Angeles: Sage Reference, 2013. 8 vols. \$600 (ISBN: 978-14129-8015-9). E-book available, call for pricing.

Much attention is being focused on disability. It is central to the discussions of health care and social welfare policies taking place around the world. It is also of interest due to the "link between disability and poverty" (viii). This series recognizes that there is a wide range of disabilities that can be categorized in the areas of physical, mental, intellectual, and sensory disabilities. This series was not developed around specific disabilities, i.e., Parkinson's Disease, but rather on the

majority of topics that confront anyone interested in disability.

The Sage Reference Series on Disability: Key Issues and Future Directions consists of eight volumes. Each volume focuses on a key issue. The volumes are; Ethics, Law and Policy; Arts and Humanities; Employment and Work; Education; Disability Through the Life Course; Health and Medicine, Assistive Technology and Science; and Rehabilitation Interventions. Each volume is written by a different author from the various disciplines that contribute to this work. The authors are very thorough in explaining each issue with regards to disability. A nice feature of each volume is a chronology of critical events. This gives the reader a concise snapshot of the history of each particular key issue. Each volume is organized in a similar manner. Readers are given introduction and background information, current issues, critical events, data and statistics, as well as other important information.

The Sage Reference Series on Disability is written in a clear, concise manner. The format of this series makes the information very accessible. Another nice feature of this series is that each volume ends with selected print and electronic resources for further study. Each volume contains an extensive index.

This set is well suited for a wide audience. It targets undergraduate students as well as general readers using public libraries. However, "the content and depth of the series will also make it attractive to graduate students, researchers, and policy makers" (xi).

The Sage Reference Series on Disability is a unique source in that each volume focuses on one key issue. This made it difficult to find comparable sources. I did also look at Gary L. Albrecht's *Encyclopedia of Disability* (SAGE, 2006). This five-volume set uses an A-Z format and devotes one volume to primary source documents. While this source covers a wide range of topics and issues surrounding disability, it does not go into the levels of depth that is found in *The Sage Reference Series on Disability*.

The Sage Reference Series on Disability: Key Issues and Future Directions provides more than an encyclopedia entry for a wide range of key issues surrounding disability. I would recommend this series to both undergraduate and public libraries.—Mina Chercourt, *Unit Leader, Database Maintenance, Grasselli Library & Breen Learning Center, John Carroll University, University Heights, Ohio*