This small book deals mainly with the geography of Australia and has some six of the chapters that are focused on this continent. The book also has two chapters on New Zealand, a chapter on the other islands of the Pacific and a general chapter on Pacific. The book will be of interest to you if you are planning to visit Australia or live there. It gives a very complete description of Australia in terms of its tectonic background, its vegetation, its fresh water resources, its original occupants, its colonization, its primary industries, and its recent urban development. The book discusses the various regions of Australia, their contribution to the economy of the country, and their climate, etc.

The book is clearly written and well illustrated with numerous maps and clear black and white photographs showing the topography and vegetation of the region. The book catches the "can do" flavor of the country, as a part of Oceania. The book appears directed at geography students who need to have some understanding of Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands. However, the book also provides a good summary of the area which should help people who are planning either a holiday to Australia or to work there or on the nearby islands of New Zealand and the Pacific. This is a good buy if you need to know something about Australia. Otherwise, it is not a bad book to have in your local library for information on this topic when you need it.
Geography of New Zealand including landforms land statistics and more - by worldatlas.com. New Zealand. Location: Oceania, islands in the South Pacific Ocean, southeast of Australia. Geographic coordinates: 41 00 S, 174 00 E. Map references: Oceania. Area: total: 268,680 sq km land: 268,021 sq km water: NA note: includes Antipodes Islands, Auckland Islands, Bounty Islands, Campbell Island, Chatham Islands, and Kermadec Islands. Pacific Islands, island geographic region of the Pacific Ocean. The great arc of islands located north and east of Australia and south of the Equator is called Melanesia (from the Greek words melas, "black," and nēsos, "island") for the predominantly dark-skinned peoples of New Guinea island, the Bismarck Archipelago, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu (the New Hebrides), New Caledonia, and Fiji. The climate of the Pacific Islands is generally tropical (except in New Zealand, which has a temperate climate), with temperatures, humidity, and rainfall relatively uniform throughout the year. Most of Australia and Oceania is under the Pacific, a vast body of water that is larger than all the Earth's continental landmasses and islands combined. The name Oceania justly establishes the Pacific Ocean as the defining characteristic of the continent. Oceania is dominated by the nation of Australia. The Temperate Australasia realm includes the seas surrounding the southern half of Australia and the islands of New Zealand. This realm is one of the world's richest areas for seabirds. Its cold, nutrient-rich waters support a diversity of plants and fish that seabirds feed on. These seabirds include different species of albatross, petrel, and shearwater, as well as the Australasian gannet and rockhopper penguin.
In terms of its physical geography, the islands of Oceania are often divided into four different sub-regions based on the geologic processes playing a role in their physical development. The first of these is Australia. It is separated because of its location in the middle of the Indo-Australian Plate and the fact that, due to its location, there was no mountain building during its development. Instead, Australia's current physical landscape features were formed mainly by erosion. Most of Australia and all of New Zealand are within the temperate zone and most of the island areas in the Pacific are considered tropical. Oceania's temperate regions feature high levels of precipitation, cold winters, and warm to hot summers. The tropical regions in Oceania are hot and wet year round.