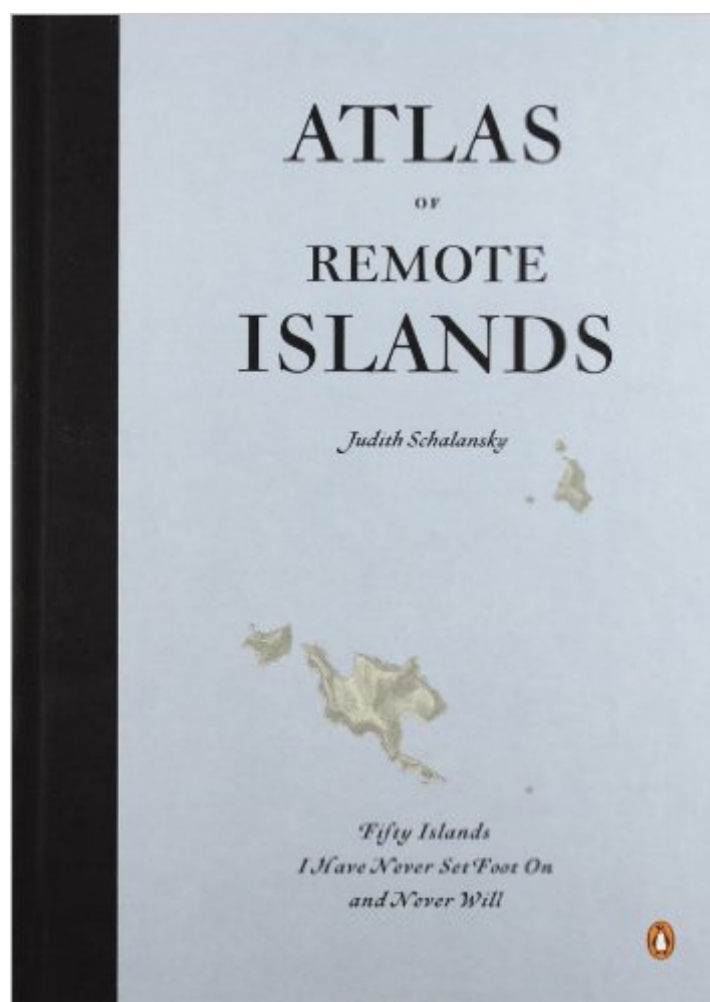


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# Atlas Of Remote Islands



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That impossible-to-please friend, that cranky relative, that coffee table begging for something more interesting than last Sunday's *New York Times Magazine* --- worry about them no more. Here is your holiday gift, your birthday present, your living room's conversation-igniter. And no worries that "*Atlas of Remote Islands (Fifty Islands I Have Never Set Foot on and Never Will)*" will be showing up on legions of gift lists. [To buy "*Atlas of Remote Islands*" from [Penguin](#), click here.] Though published by Penguin, the biggest recognition the book has received to date is the German Book Office's October Book of the Month. The author, Judith Schalansky, is a German designer and novelist whose last book was "*Fraktur Mon Amour*, a study of the Nazis' favorite typeface. Schalansky got interested in maps and atlases for the most personal of reasons. She was born in East Berlin; when she was 10, East and West Germany merged, "and the country I was born in disappeared from the map." With that, she lost interest in political maps and became fascinated with the basic building blocks of

Earth's land masses : physical topography. Fascinating stuff. You doubt me? Consider: Schalansky sees a finger traveling across a map as "an erotic gesture." Consider: Schalansky disdains any island you can easily get to. The more remote the destination, the more enthusiastic she is for it. Like Peter I Island in the Antarctic --- until the late 1990s, fewer people had visited it than had set foot on the moon. Consider: Schalansky believes "the most terrible events have the greatest potential to tell a story" --- and "islands make the perfect setting for them." Thus, the line at the start of the book: "Paradise is an island. So is hell.

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