

many who have an Inclination to know something of the World about them, and of their Fellow Creatures, in the several Parts of it; and some are so old, that (by reason of new Discoveries made, and many Revolutions that have happen'd) they are of very little Use. There was indeed a little Thing publish'd about two Years ago, entitled, *The Child's Geography*; but whether it was properly so call'd I shall leave those who have seen it to determine. I may however venture to say, that had mine been thrown into that Form, and been printed in that Character, it would have made a Book twice as big. Instead of confounding the Reader with hard Names, or tiring him, with dry tedious Descriptions; I have study'd to divert him, with pleasant Stories, Sketches of History, and Curiosities; but all in as concise a manner as I could devise; that so the Book might be (according to its Title) a short, but comprehensive and entertaining