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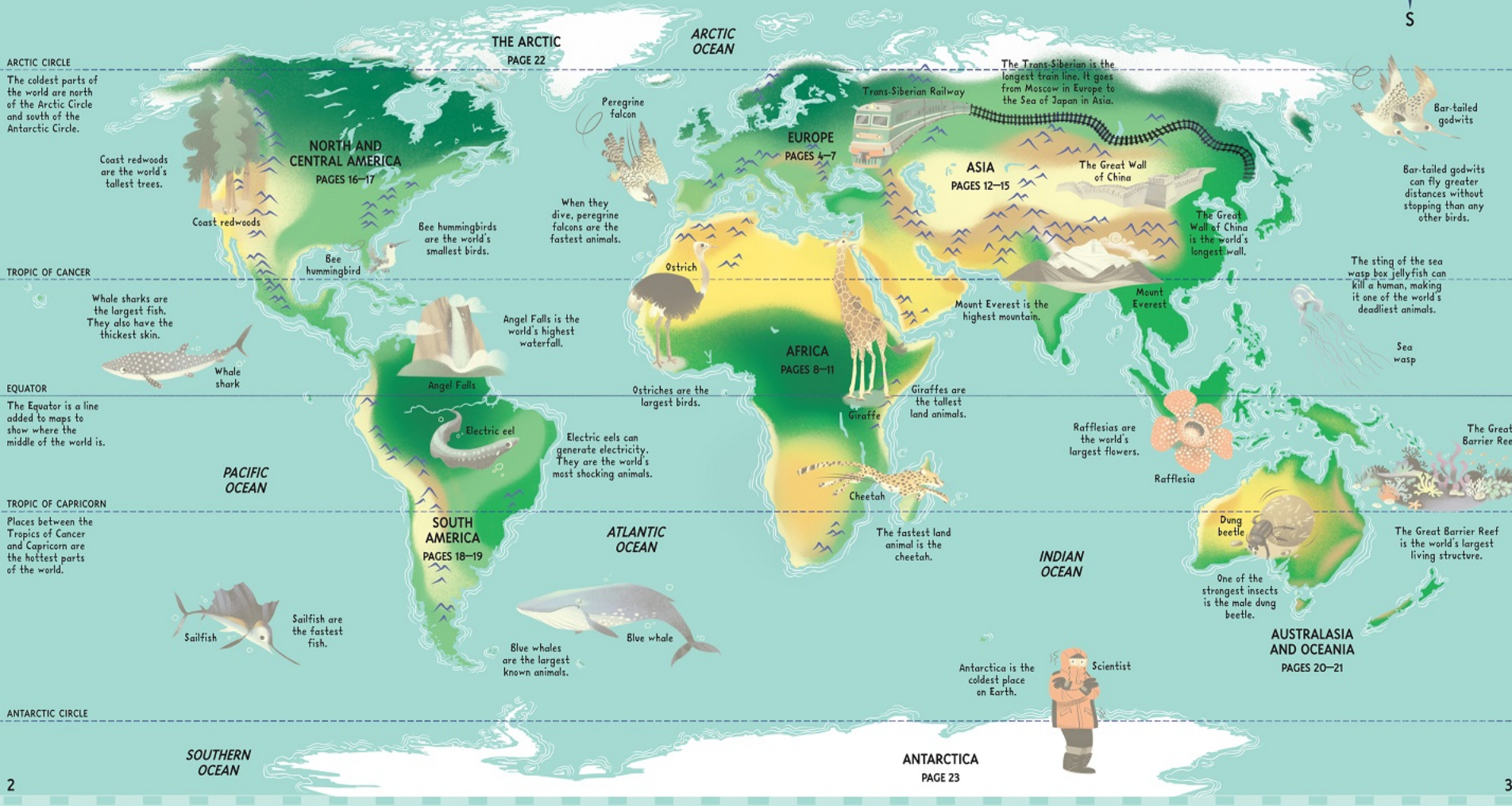
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The world

The world is divided into seven large areas of land called continents and five large areas of sea called oceans. The picture maps in this book show amazing animals, places and people from around the world.

This map shows world record holders, from some of the tallest, smallest and fastest animals to the highest mountain and the longest train line.






Eastern Europe
Blooms are clouds of microscopic plants that create bright patterns in the sea.
Sea bloom
ARCTIC OCEAN
BARENTS SEA
Man fishing in ice
Wild mushrooms
Eurasian wolves
ARCTIC CIRCLE
SWEDEN
Santa Claus's post office
Elk
FINLAND
Sparrowhawk
Russian blue cat
The Russian blue is prized for its silver-blue coat, which feels thick and soft.
RUSSIA
URAL MOUNTAINS
Ural owl
Sable
Gymnast
BALTIC SEA
Sauna
The Winter Palace in St. Petersburg
Dacha (summer house)
Combine harvester
HELSINKI
TALLINN
ESTONIA
Walled city of Visby
Seto woman
Ballet dancers
RIGA
LATVIA
Moscow
Famous Russian ballets include *The Nutcracker*, *The Firebird*, and *Swan Lake*.
Fabergé eggs
Fabergé eggs are jewel-covered ornaments. The fanciest eggs were made 100 years ago for the last Russian emperors.
Wheat
LITHUANIA
VILNIUS
BELARUS
RUSSIA
VOLGA RIVER


Minsk
POLAND
Warsaw
European bison
Kiev
Kiev Monastery of the Caves
Samovars are used to heat water, mostly to make tea.
Samovar
Cossack dancer
Cave of legendary Wawel dragon in Kraków
Borscht soup
DNIEPER RIVER
UKRAINE
SLOVAKIA
Bratislava
HUNGARY
Budapest
MOLDOVA
Chisinau
The Motherland Calls statue in Volgograd
Balalaika player
CASPIAN SEA
Dwarf hamster
Chain bridge
Zagreb
CROATIA
Bran Castle
Radio telescope
Belgrade
ROMANIA
Bucharest
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
Sarajevo
SERBIA
DANUBE RIVER
BLACK SEA
Varna prehistoric cemetery
Sturgeon
Sturgeon eggs are used to make a luxury food called caviar.
MONTENEGRO
Pristina
Sofia
KOSOVO
Podgorica
Skopje
BULGARIA
TURKEY
MACEDONIA
Tirana
ALBANIA
GREECE
Whirling Dervish
Ancient Parthenon temple
ASIA
Only this western part of Turkey belongs to Europe. The rest is in Asia.
Athens
Crete
Dancers in traditional costumes
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S
Eastern Europe is shown in pink on this world map.