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About the Cover:

The cover was designed by James Swanson using Adobe Photoshop on a Power Macintosh. James is currently finishing his master's degree at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. His thesis concerns the cartographic applications of the Virtual Reality Modeling Language (VRML). VRML is the Internet standard for the description of interactive 3D objects and scenes.

Across the top of the cover, a series of prism maps show the change in US income per capita from 1948 to 1970. In the lower-right is a wire-frame of the extruded states from the VRML map. The stripe down the middle of the page represents a binary data stream with ones and zeroes. Towards the bottom left is a portion of the source code for the VRML map. This VRML 'world' can be accessed at

http://osprey.itd.sterling.com/vrml.