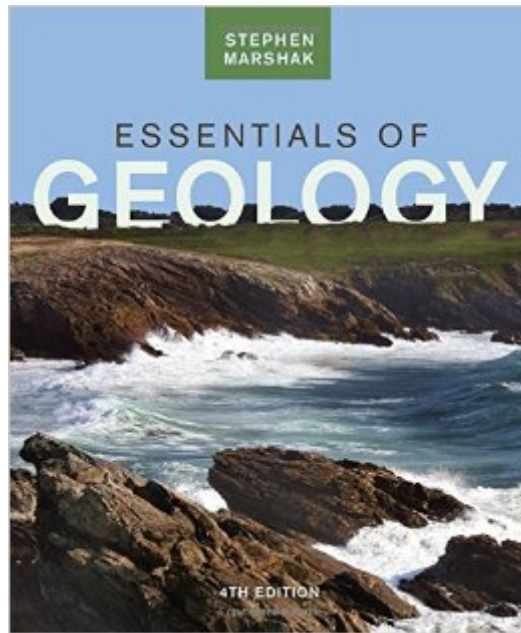


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This is the third of the textbook type of geology books which I have tried, and it is by far superior to the other two (both of which are very popular and well known.) The problem with the other two is that they begin discussing rock types before discussing plate tectonics and the forces which create and change rocks. Thus, much reference is made to concepts which were never introduced.

Marshak does it correctly. He starts with plate tectonics and thereby he introduces the concepts necessary to understand the other dynamic forces at work on Earth. His explanations are complete, well presented and easy to follow. They are accompanied by illustrations which are not only very clear, but esthetically very pleasing to look at. I am glad I found this book. It is a pleasure to read, is very informative, and a welcome change from its more frustrating peers. I highly recommend Essentials of Geology by Stephen Marshak.

Excellent text on Geology. Informative, easy to read, well organized. Covers a variety of introductory material very well. I believe ti can be used in conjunction with a class, or as a stand alone device. If stand alone you should probably get some of the other media that can be purchased with it.

This book is awesome. It has everything you need to know about the basics of geology-- includes earth systems, some basic astronomy, basic oceanography, climatology, etc. and is a fantastic resource. It also helps to have a wonderful teacher, but you can get everything you need from this book if your teacher isn't fantastic. I loved this course so much, I found myself missing it after the quarter ended-- so I changed my major! Hopefully you enjoy it as well, you'll learn a lot and the writing is informative without being dry or boring.

An easy book to understand, has a really clear meaning. It was a requirement for geology class, however would have bought it either way. An e-book/kindle version is light. However kindle has had issues with opening it in windows so mostly worked on android tablet and kindle devices :( would also advise a hard copy if your interested in keeping the book long term in your shelves.

Only reason why I'm taking two stars off is because the code was not reusable, so I had to buy the code separately. :c more money out of my sad wallet. I thought the code was reusable, but I wasn't 100% sure since the description doesn't say much about that. But overall, textbook came in great condition. And I'll just reuse the box it came in when I return it.

This book is easy to understand and has a wealth of information! I am using this book to take a course online with Coursera.

easy to read and good drawings to follow, through out the course. Very helpful with the labs that go along with this as well.

This is an excellent and easy-to-read introduction to geology. The illustrations and diagrams are outstanding, and almost every concept discussed in the text is fully illustrated. Sometimes the explanations were a little vague or terms were used before being defined, but compensating for that are a very good glossary and index. The discussions of plate tectonics and rock formation are especially good.

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