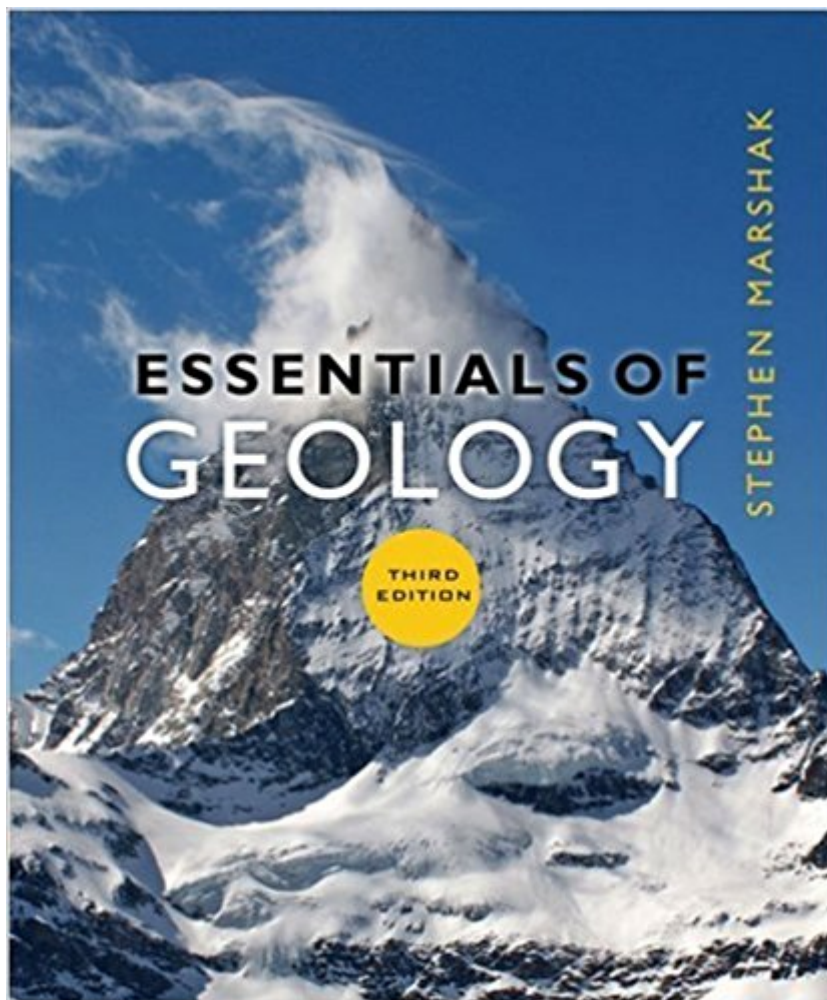


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This book is superbly written, illustrated, and organized. It was a pleasure to read and is a reliable guide to the subject matter. My professor said first day of class that this book is what every other

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I am a former geology graduate who wanted to brush up on all aspects of the subject and to see what had changed in the 30-year interim period. Stephen Marshak's book is absolutely ideal for the purpose, providing the reader with an exhaustive (but not too deep) overview of every conceivable aspect of the geological sciences. The best thing about this book is the pictures and beautifully crafted illustrations. A fantastic book. I urge you to buy it.

I purchased this textbook to read and study independently. Having graduated college and working full-time in my trained modality I always find a little free time to read and have always enjoy learning about new things or more about things I never knew much about. Curiosity is my weakness but also my motivation. Learning a little more about geological features and the way the world changes around us was something that prompted this purchase. Being a visual learner, this text was very helpful in illustrating concepts that were difficult to grasp. I would say the wording is not simplistic but it is easy enough to read and understand. All-in-all, I think this book is a great introduction to geology.

Had to sell. Class cancelled.

You probably aren't going to buy this if it is not required for a class, but it is a well written geology textbook. The pictures are great and it is very up-to-date and organized well. If you want to learn the basics on your own, I'd recommend this book. It is the required Introduction to Geology textbook for many universities.

I needed this book for a lower-division geology course at the University of California Santa Barbara.

In our stores it was \$50.00+ so I was relieved to find it for \$12.00 used on . After reading the book I was surprised to find a colorful, informative layout which helped to keep me reading through the chapters. The pictures and diagrams are detailed and well put together. No complaints with this text book!

This is possibly the best science text book I've ever used. It has a very colorful, organized layout with a lot of pictures/models to illustrate topics being covered. My only complaint is that my copy is a paperback, and as far as I know, it is not available in hardback. It doesn't wear very well. However, it is still an awesome GeoScience book.

This book is both beautifully written and beautifully illustrated. I'm a biologist by training, but the explanations are so well written as to be understood by anyone.

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