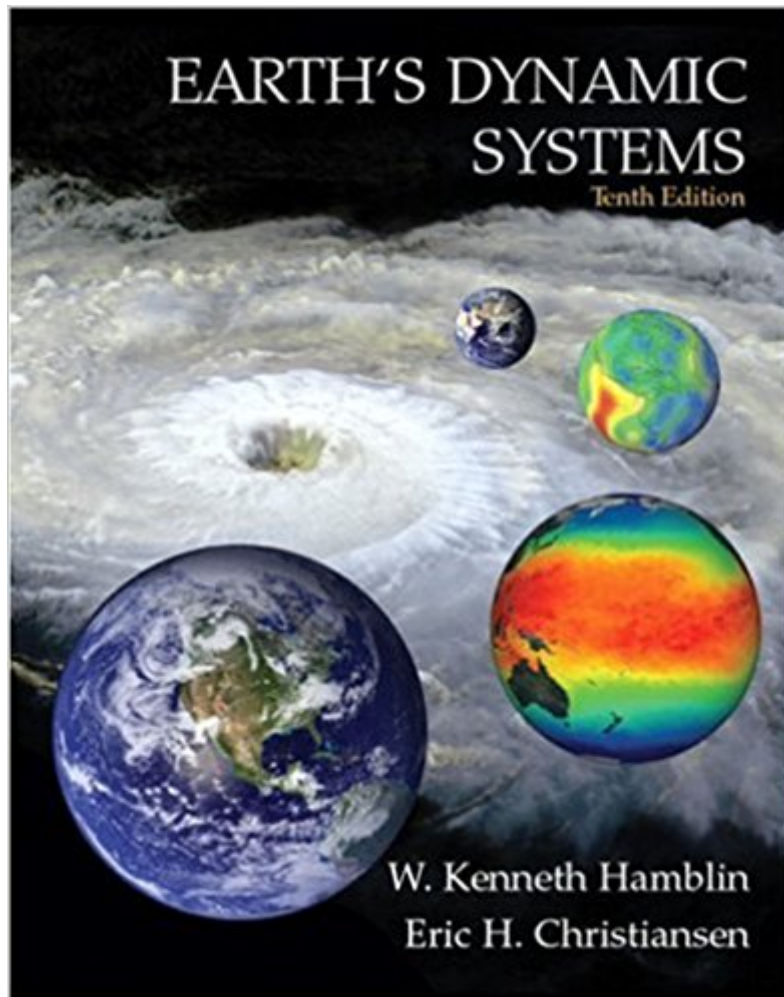


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I own a copy of the fifth edition of this book. I am a science junkie and enjoy reading science text books. I find geology particularly interesting and over the years I have read dozens and dozens of geology textbooks. Earth's Dynamic Systems is by far the best I have ever read. If I was ever to teach a geology class, this is the book I would use. The line of thinking is so clear and logical in this book it is a joy to read. The illustrations are among the best I have ever seen and I have just the old the 5th ed. Generally when there are a number of good books on a given subject, they are all pretty much the same in quality. But that is not the case here, this book is head and shoulders above all other geology books. The edition I have also came with a lab manual that I also highly recommend. A wonderful set of books I am proud to own. If you are looking for a definitive single book that best covers all of geology, this is it. In this one book is more geology than in several other books put

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I'm kind of an amateur geology junkie. I have many geology textbooks that I read because the subject interests me. (I am a nurse. I have a BA and two Masters in but they are in the biological sciences and in education.) This is my favorite geology textbook by far. The illustrations and photographs are beautiful and detailed. They really do provide a different way to learn the text, one that complements the text but is strictly visual. This book has many wonderful and detailed plate maps, ocean floor and continental surface maps with geological ages noted. You can easily see how mountain ranges on different continents were once together. The text itself is clear and leads you point by point toward the concept without a lot of effort. It's highly readable and if I were a student, this is the one I would want to "have" to read. A surprising number of other textbooks use circular definitions; they explain terms using the term in the explanation, which is of no use whatsoever. It's really surprising how often that is done. I didn't find it much in this text. The authors are very detailed in the way they cover each subject. There are several chapters on plate tectonics, for example, instead of just one long broad explanation in one chapter. There are several chapters

on the hydrologic cycle, entire chapters on weathering, glaciers, rivers, etc. Each rock type has a chapter and an introductory chapter on Minerals. Really by far my favorite text.

Another great book. useful not only for a student but even for a graduated geologist, where you can find all the basic concepts explained in an exceptional way.

Haven't used it much, but I did look through it. Seems excellent value for money. Just that these days, like, doah, it's a book. When I'm somewhere else, it's quicker to google.

I have referred to this book several times. Useful for introductory and intermediate work.

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