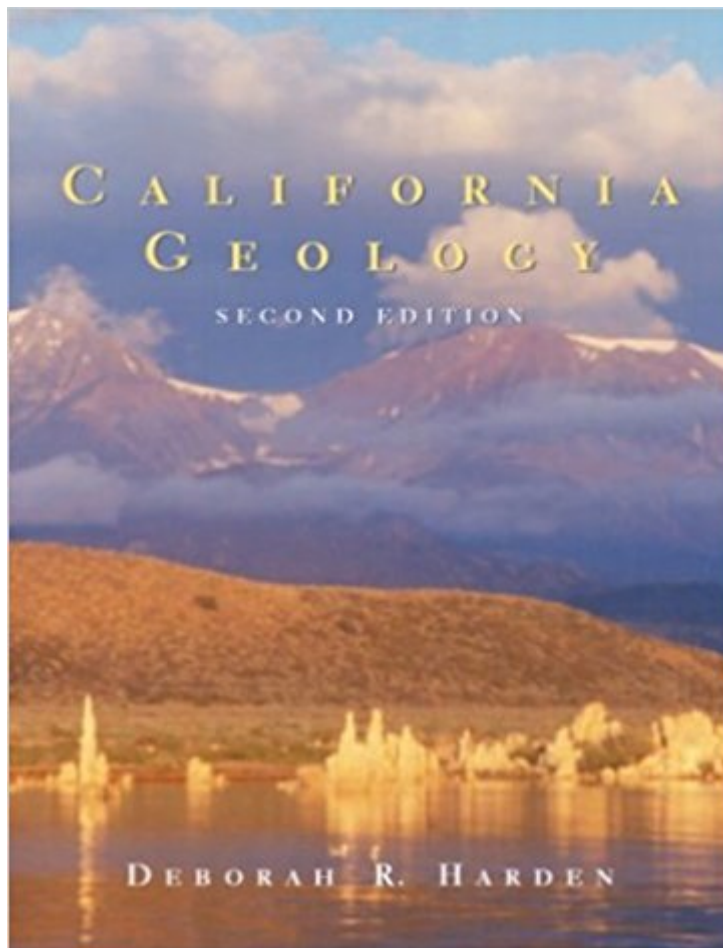


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I bought this textbook to study for the California section of the PG exam. It definitely helped. I enjoyed the final section that presented concepts from previous chapters in a grand-scheme California geologic history. It's not state-of-the-art research, but it's good enough to help wrap your head around the big picture without getting bogged down in too many details. Several figures were pulled from other sources and didn't list acronyms or explain how they related to the subject. They looked good but didn't help understand the topic. I also felt like information about some topics was scattered throughout the book; so I really needed to read the whole thing to pull it all together in my mind. I would recommend to anyone with an introductory geology education or a professional who needs to brush up on their regional geology.

Finally found a book explaining how my state was made. I've been looking in bookstores for several years with no success, so I turned to the internet, found this title right away. It's pricey, as are all textbooks, but it answers all my questions (at least, what science has found, so far). It's also a perfect fit with my California geography textbook, approaching each area through the same province names, descriptions. Now I have both a physical and geographical understanding of California. Also, I was amazed that sent it out "regular" delivery and it arrived within two days of my ordering it!

Needed it for a class; therefore had to buy it. Otherwise, I would not recommend it for personal use or knowledge unless one is an expert already. Definitions are not cleared and many concepts/processes are not explained well.

I'm not an expert in the subject matter but I thought the book was very well written. The collection of pictures and illustrations was truly awesome. The only significant down side was that the font was too small. Not everyone is blessed with 20-40 vision and tired old eyes like mine had to struggle. Also, there was no Kindle option for this book.

A novice's interest in geology lead me through elementary reading to this college text which has opened the up the greater world of geology to me.

The book is great!

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