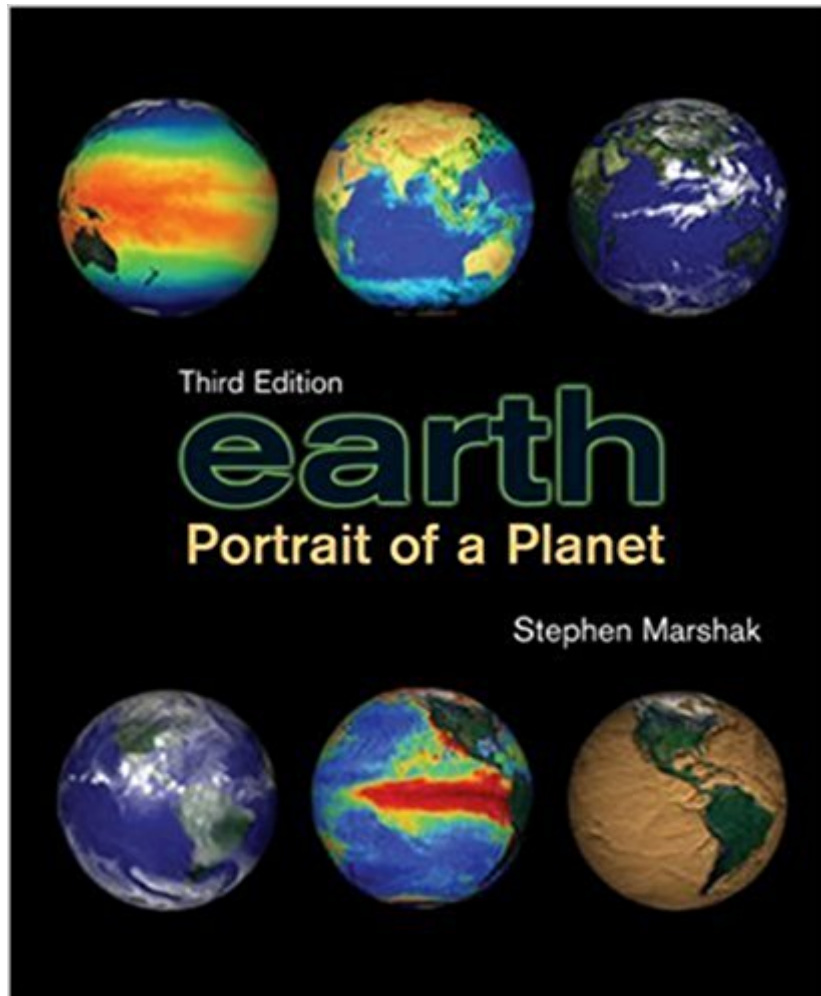




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Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

Stephen Marshak is professor of geology at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, where he is also the director of the School of Earth, Society, and Environment. He holds an A.B. from Cornell University, an M.S. from the University of Arizona, and a Ph.D. from Columbia University. Steve's research interests lie in structural geology and tectonics. This work has taken him into the field on a number of continents. Steve loves teaching and has won his college's and university's highest teaching awards. In addition to research papers and Earth Science, Steve has also authored *Earth: Portrait of a Planet*, *Essentials of Geology*, and has co-authored the *Laboratory Manual for Introductory Geology*, *Earth Structure: An Introduction to Structural Geology and Tectonics*, and *Basic Methods of Structural Geology*.

This is an excellent basic level geology textbook! It is one of the few textbooks that I have actually enjoyed reading, and trust that I have read many textbooks over the course of my education that I am able to make that comparison. While most textbooks are relatively dry and painful to read, with *Earth: Portrait of a Planet* I have read chapters that were not required for class just because it was

so enjoyable. After I completed my introductory level geology class that this textbook was required for I made the mistake of letting a friend borrow this book and I never saw it again. When I later was enrolled in a mineralogy class, I found myself wishing I could return to this book as a reference. So I bought this book used from for approximately \$4.00, and I often found myself returning to this book in the follow-on classes for an easy to read refresher in several chapters. This book was well worth the money, even the second time around purchasing the book.

Using it as literature for a university course about geology. Therefore I did not choose it by myself. Even so, the book is easy to read, has interesting pictures and ideas for further reading or activities. When I say it is easy to read I probaby mean if you are into natural sciences. Another plus is that it contains historical facts about how knowledge about earth was discovered and developed. A minus is that some mathematical facts are not well explained.

Despite being a paperback, this is actually one of the heaviest books I've had to carry throughout my college years. I don't mind much though, as the book is a very good one. The contents are great and many, and can very easily be understood with the accompanying pictures and illustrations. This book is also a great reference for any papers concerning geologic processes or formations.

Good informational book with lots of pictures, graphs and questions and quiz questions. I used this class for my Geology Class at Saddleback College in Mission Viejo and that was the book required at that time. If you are somebody that enjoys Geology then this might be a good reading for you and should purchase it.

I was looking for a book that would cover over everything for an introductory course to help with reviewing for taking the ASBOG exam. I made the mistake of selling my first intro class book years ago. This is a great book because it covers everything and can become a guideline of what to involve with more specified books. The pictures are great with the descriptions and I have actually enjoyed reading it.

I bought this book because I am in a photo in it! I was lucky enough to have Steve Marshak as a professor in college, but all bias aside, I do think that this is a great book to teach you the basics of geology.

No wonder it's a great book that starts from the basic sciences and Cosmology to comprehensive introduction to the recent advancements in Geology. I am a student of U of I, so I am going to attend Professor Marshak's lectures to get more detailed knowledge.

Nicely done overview of Earth Science. At first, the many "cartoonish" drawings look overdone and adolescent, but they really do add to the material, which is directed at college-level. Highly recommended.

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