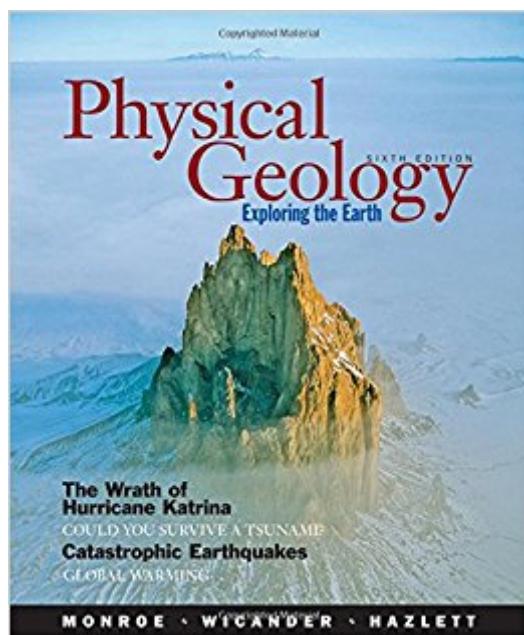


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Overall I was very pleased with this purchase! Although used the book arrived in great condition despite being a softcover textbook. The language is appropriate for high school/college students who do not have a background in geology. The text is easy to read and the book features many pictures and figures that compliment the text well. Great for anyone who would just like to start learning about geology and the amazing processes that form and shape our earth. This was the text required for my college level introductory geology class and I purchased the book at a very reasonable price (50% of what my university bookstore rented it for!). Definitely recommend purchasing this book from if you need it for a class!

Good quality

First of all, the book was in excellent condition! I am impressed with the additional info added in between chapters. Geology is not my major, but I've found a new interest in our earth and what makes it what it is. The book breaks down the info in terms I can comprehend. Sometimes I've had to reread what I'm focusing on for class, but I had to do this for junior college books as well. The glossary and index have been very helpful; the clear print and pictures are a plus! P.S. I will never look at the oceans or think of a running stream, or earthquake the same again. Smile

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I like this book and the explanations it gives about geology and how it does so. There is a wealth of geology information in this textbook with a number of graphics and illustrations to describe geologic features.

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