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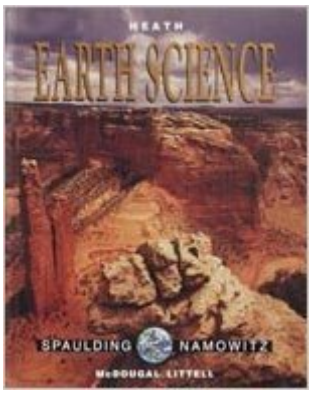

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Great book at a great price

good for home school. ok condition

My son lost his book and the school wanted me to pay $75 to replace it. I bought it here for a fraction of the cost. The school was happy and so was I. Shipped quickly too.

This book is neither great nor poor. Actually there are not as many choices out there for Earth Science as there are for many other Science subjects. Therefore the school districts do not have a lot of choices. I've used the book with classes. As the one reviewer says, it is not always clear about what the main points are. Though an astute student should notice key terms are in bold face type. Yet often the definition, example of the term follows its first use by many pages. I even found it a bit confusing. Though the information is in the book. Many students do not know how to study, so if it does not jump out at them they just give up. I would not ditz the book like one reviewer has. The information that is presented is in the book, but the organization and presentation is not the best. Now I do agree that much of this book seems to be dated. I think that is because it is not really in a new addition. I've seen many copies of this book with dates from 1994 to 2001 and the cover and text seems to be exactly the same. So it looks like "2005 edition" is still the 1994 edition, just a new

printing.I am glad that one reviewer was able to learn using this book. Everyone is different, and so if this book turned on the light of understanding in one student, it can't be all-bad. And it is not all that bad, I just wish there actually was a much better Earth Science textbook out there. Our local district has been using this book for many years; most of our other science texts have been changed during those years.I am afraid I will have to take exception to the naysayer's comments about this book using the Metric System. Where has he been during the last couple hundred years? The rest of the world uses the metric system. Today, only the USA does not. True, I don't know my height in centimeters, or the distance from Los Angeles to San Francisco in kilometers. But for many other matters we use the metric system all the time in everyday life. Do you know the focal length of your normal lens on a 35mm SLR camera in inches? Probably not, it's about 2 inches (50mm). Wow, and that great 210mm telephoto lens is how many inches? As far as science education goes, you will only use "English measure" in a few introductory classes in 9th grade and below. Chemistry and Physics are all metric. You will use both systems of measure in Biology, Geology, and Medical Sciences. Physical constants are easier numbers to remember in their metric forms. Also many ideas just are not thought of in English measure. Ever heard of pound-atomic-weights for the chemical elements. Actually that would not even make sense because a pound is a unit of force and not mass. This could not be used like gram atomic weights. Does anyone remember the English unit of mass? Do let me know if you actually do find a better Earth Sciences Textbook.

This textbook is good as a second reference in an Earth Science Class. It does cover a lot of material. As a stand-alone source of information, the book does not do a good job of explaining topics or concepts. Many subjects are described in terms and vocabulary that are only partially explained. There is also some outdated subject information. For a text that has a copyright date of 2000, they talk about the focus problem of the Hubble Telescope and the current efforts to obtain computer enhanced images. I believe Shuttle astronauts fixed the telescope in 1994.Also, all measurements are solely in the metric system. So an American student is constantly forced to convert metric units in their head to English units in order to comprehend subject scales. When was the last time someone asked you how tall you were? If you are from the USA, do you answer in feet and inches or meters and centimeters? Trying to absorb difficult concepts is tough enough. To add a foreign scale system (for USA students), compounds the difficulty in comprehension. Learning the metric system is one thing. To use the metric system exclusively in an Earth Science book (in the United States) to teach subject material is like using an unknown foreign language to try and explain something.

What a great book for a student taking the course of Earth Science! I, a former student, used this book when i was in 9th grade. When i took Earth Science, at first, i had a different book, and i was failing. When i asked my teacher for help, he told me to get this textbook, and use it. I had a 93 average entering the 10th grade in Science! This book gives great examples and helpful tips to a student. This book is not difficult to understand! Exellent and updated information. This book covers everything from the formation of Earth to Plate Tectonics, this book has it all!

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