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Blue Planet An Introduction To Earth System Science, 3rd Edition



Synopsis

The Third Edition of *Blue Planet: An Introduction to Earth System Science* treats earth science from a systems perspective, showing how the four spheres (lithosphere, hydrosphere, atmosphere, biosphere) are interrelated. In this edition, significant emphasis is placed on cycling of materials and energy, and interactions among the spheres. The text also places much clearer emphasis on basic science, which can be seen in the reorganization of topics into Energy and Matter chapters, as well as a new "The Basics" feature in each chapter. This edition is also more systematic about documenting human impacts on the various spheres of the Earth system.

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I used this book for a graduate level course in earth science. It was not required reading, but since I had no earth science background, I found that I needed to read a basic textbook in order to understand the journal articles that were required for the course. By the end of the semester, I had read most of this extremely well written book, and felt that in terms of mastery of the course content, I had surpassed even those who had majored in geology as undergrads. I am a very visual learner, and particularly appreciated the beautiful illustrations, many of which visually summarize key concepts. One of my favorite textbooks ever.

I selected this textbook for my Intro to Earth Systems Science course on the recommendation of colleagues. I was very happy with the level at which the book is written, the quality of images and diagrams, and the topics covered. I did not follow the chapters in sequential order - for example, I think

it makes more sense to teach concepts of atmospheric convection before ocean currents. The end of chapter problems were also a bit hit or miss. But I was happy with the book and it received favorable reviews by my students.

I am not often happy with textbooks for my classes, but this one included a lot of great information beyond what I needed for the class, and I appreciated it. Great book, well designed, and well made.

This book was recommended by the instructor and follows his lectures. It is very informative as textbooks go, and although I am not overly interested in science, it answers a lot of questions.

I am a college student and this book was very helpful when I took my environmental science course. Great book, great deal.

I was afraid at first that the book wasn't going to be the newest edition like it said it was because of how cheap it was. But everything was great! I managed to save over \$100 by buying just this one book from this seller!

Good for introductory courses. Nothing too complex and easy to understand. I sold it back to the university bookstore for \$20 more than I had paid when I purchased it new.

There is a lot of information in here, definitely worth the read, pictures are great too. Quality of book is great also

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