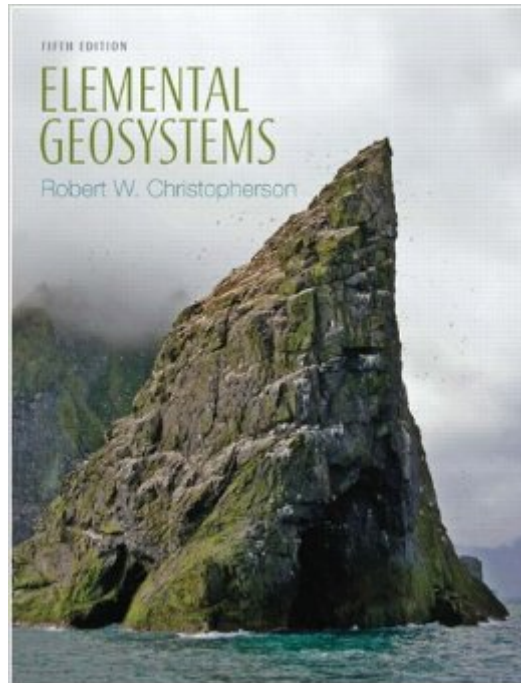


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The book gives clear, concise explanations of each aspect of the environment and atmosphere. The Earth, clouds, oceans and soils are covered. Nice illustrations to better comprehend topics in each chapter.

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This book is fine. Nothing special about it, and there are newer editions out there. However, if your professor allows you to use this textbook instead of the 7th edition, go for it! You will save a lot of money in the process...

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I ordered and it did come with the access code. I used it a couple times but I would not say it was crucial and it did not really help me with the text. I liked the three-hole-punched idea but a few pages ripped out because it is thin paper. It is a nice idea and helps save money though. Overall I had a great experience with the text. I just do not know what to do with it now since I used the access code.

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