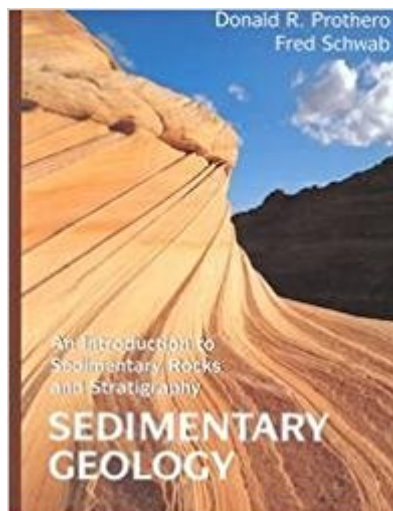


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It is really disappointing to have this very important book in mostly white and back images in this stage of time.

Let me get this part out of the way quickly: This book was originally \$180 (Jan 2014) with similar

prices at other sites. I found it for \$149.00 at textbook site and alerted ; they quickly lowered it to \$149 within a few days (yay !). Currently, the book is at \$122 (March 2014).The book writing is good. BUT, it lacks in a few areas. My biggest gripe is that for a book of such high price, it has ZERO color photographs! It does have some illustrations, but they are all black and white. To me, this is a huge disappointment, especially in a field like geology, where color is of importance. The book pages have a similar consistency to bible paper with everything black/white. I wanted to throw this book into the fireplace a few times due to no color photographs. Luckily, the book writing is good (and I needed the book). When the book describe soil horizons and colors of each horizon or color of strata bands, you will be disappointed to find a small black and white image. Also, the majority of the photographs that are black and white are of low degraded quality. Some images are senseless, since you cannot distinguish features that are being discussed. If you are a visual learner (most of us are), or like to see color images as you read, the lack of color images may make the book bland during reading. This book should not have been \$180, \$149, or even \$100.Chapter summaries. The book doesn't have any, but contain 'conclusions' that are really, really concise. Anywhere from 2 sentences to a paragraph. If you are the type to look for summaries a year later or as needed after reading the book, you will NOT be happy.The book does not have a 'student resource' site. Not that this is a big deal, but most college textbooks have a resource site to view color illustrations (this book need them!), summaries, and other learning activities.The writing is good. It reads straight through in paragraphs, no learning stuff on the bottom/top corners, no extra boxes anywhere on the pages with 'key terms,' nothing, except black/white figures if the paragraph mention them. The MOST you will get is BOLD letters on some terms. If there was color, somethings could be color-coded. You will learn as you read, but some concepts aren't broken down. You will need a highlighter and take notes to make this book work 100%.I believe this is like the second book on the market concerning 'sedimentary geology,' so it may be part of the reason why it's pricey and no colors. Yes, I keep mentioning that, I feel "robbed" due to nothing in color!!! Luckily, my professor said great things about Prothero. I'm about to mail his arse a collection of colors and a "Color for Dummies" book!!

I used the newer 2nd edition of this book for my undergraduate Sedimentary/Stratigraphy class. It proved to be very readable while still providing a good base of knowledge. My professor stated that little was changed from the earlier 1st edition so I purchased this copy as a reference book for my collection. Tremedous book for the price.

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Just what I needed

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