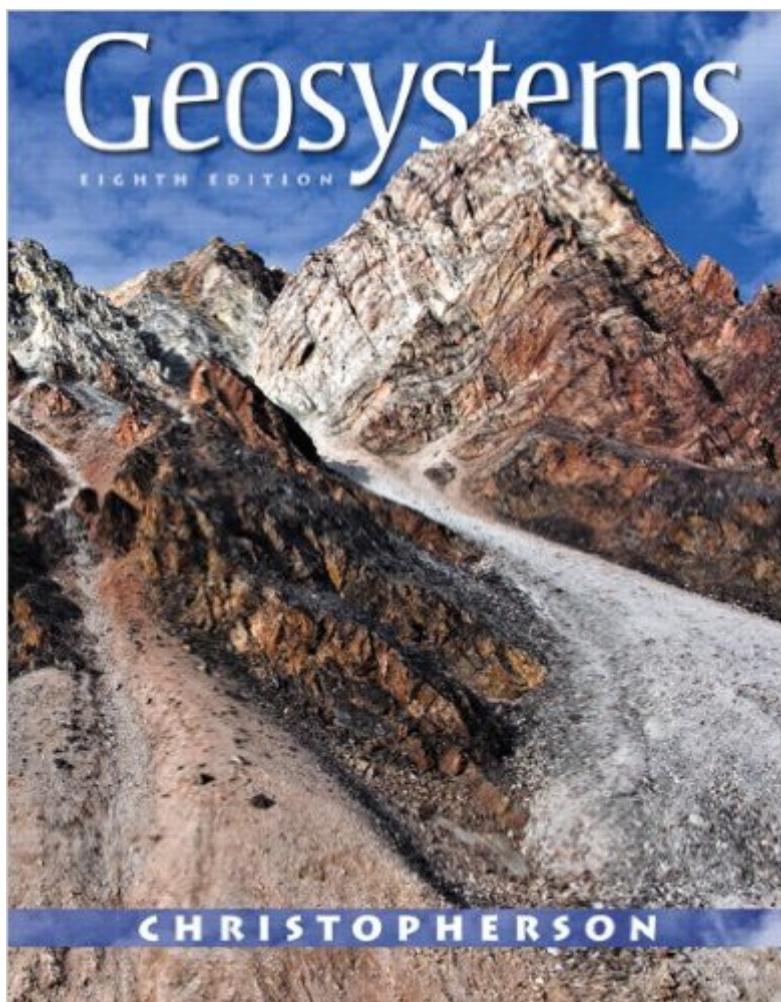


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# Geosystems: An Introduction To Physical Geography (8th Edition)



## **Synopsis**

Among the most highly regarded in physical geography, Robert Christopherson's best-selling texts are known for meticulous attention to detail, currency, accuracy, rich integration of climate change science, and strong multimedia program. *Geosystems: An Introduction to Physical Geography*, Eighth Edition is organized around the natural flow of energy, materials, and information, presenting subjects in the same sequence in which they occur in nature—an organic, holistic approach that is unique in this discipline. Each chapter also includes strong learning tools and a structured learning path, with Key Learning Concepts presented at the start of the chapter, Key Learning Concepts Review at the end of the chapter, and Critical Thinking questions integrated throughout. Offering current examples and modern science within a one-of-a-kind Earth systems organization, Christopherson combines student-friendly writing, outstanding art, and a strong multimedia program for a truly unique physical geography experience.Â

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## **Customer Reviews**

I am a Teaching Assistant at UC Santa Barbara and relied heavily on Christopherson's text through 2 quarters of introductory physical geography. The book succeeds in its mission: it clearly explains the fundamental principles of the Earth's interacting atmosphere, geosphere, hydrosphere, and biosphere, and it does so in a geographic context. The theme of interacting systems holds the material together, allowing students to integrate the multitude of basic concepts into a big picture. Christopherson takes time to include material on how humans interact with the various earth systems, a very relevant topic today with disasters in the news and environmental problems

abounding. The text works best for students with a solid high school background in science, but seems achievable even for students who "hate science" or have a poor background in it. At the same time, due to extensive, well thought out diagrams, side-boxes, web references, and many thoughtful pictures, the text is engaging enough to keep even the most advanced students (and T.A. graduate students!) reading. *Geosystems* is considerably more accessible than Strahler & Strahler's *Physical Geography*, although the latter book should be preferred for more advanced courses. The only negative point of any significance is the CD-ROM included with the book. Perhaps it was my PC, but I found it clumsy to use, with small pictures, little interaction and generally not worth anyone's time. Few students even tried it, and none found it helpful for learning the material. Hopefully this will be revamped in future additions. In conclusion, I should mention that in addition to its academic virtues, the text is one of the most beautiful textbooks I have ever had the pleasure of owning. I have heard that Christopherson essentially has devoted his career to the production and revision of this text, and it shows. It is the kind of book you can profitably keep on your shelf, coffee table, or under your seat during a cross-country road trip.

I couldn't afford to buy this book so I rented it from and they sent me a brand new book. As always, item came in a frustration-free packaging. always delivers top-notch service for me. About the book... This textbook is full of information and I'm lucky my professor does not give tests solely on memorization of the terms and definitions; otherwise I would fail. It's like at every paragraph, there's a new term or technical term and this textbook is I can say an excellent resource for those wanting to major in Geography and also for those in the teaching profession. This textbook is also full of illustrations and real-life examples. I grade this book an A+.

I thought this was well organized and easy to understand for the most part. There were only a few parts (pages, really) that were sort of ho-hum. The diagrams and photos were top notch and really went well with the text. This text would be interesting to read just for the sake of it. I don't have another text to compare it to, which I imagine is a good thing. I've had other texts that were so bad that I only used them for the problem sets (Zill's diff eq text!) but the only external source I used with this book was the internet --and that was usually because something in the book sparked more curiosity. I would have preferred more technical information (such as wave dynamics or quantitative analysis) but I do understand this is an intro text and that I am a math geek. Our instructor combined this text with the geography of the Pacific NW where I reside, and I certainly do look at the landscape quite differently after taking this course. For that, I give it a five. Kudos to Christopherson

for a well designed book.

A professor of Geography at our nearby university recommended Christopherson's classic textbook. I am an adult learner who wanted to update my knowledge of physical geography. I learned an immense amount from this book! [I recommend getting the latest edition if you can afford it]. The book has countless references and links to further resources as well as an accompanying CD. Accessible to the non-specialist, yet comprehensive.

Got this after my professor said the 7th edition could also be used in the course in place of the 8th or 9th editions. There are very minor differences between the 7th and 9th editions. Some of the chapters have different numbers between the two.

This is an excellent textbook with great pictures, graphs, and explanations of the subject matter in each chapter. The explanations are clear without being overly wordy. There are newer editions but this one answers all of my questions.

We didn't get through all the chapters in my 100-level college geography courses, but I ended up reading the rest of this book anyway. I thought it was well-written, well-edited, and informative! I enjoy learning about physical geography.

This is a really nice book and goes into detail. I need this book for class and I really like the class. The only suggestion that I have is asking your professor if you need the 7th edition or if you can use the 6th, there is little difference between the two books. My professor told me after I had already purchased this book that I could have used the 6th edition and saved lots of money. Overall great book!!

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