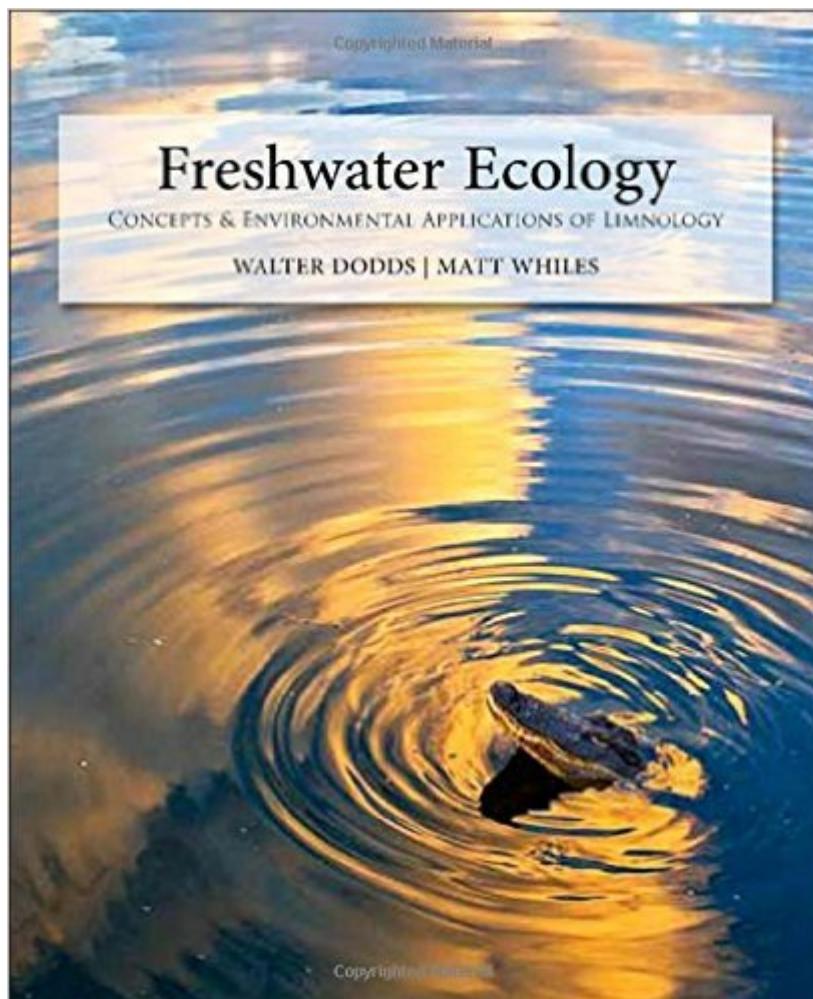


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Customer Reviews

I've been teaching aquatic biology and limnology at the University level for more than 20 years. Until now I used "Limnology" by Robert Wetzel as my textbook. The 3rd edition of Limnology came out in 2001, and in 2005 Bob Wetzel passed away. I continued using his book for the next 10 years, but it was going progressively out of date. When I checked with the publisher I was informed that at least at that time there was no plan for anyone to take over the title and update it. So...I started looking around for other options. About a year ago I came across "Freshwater Ecology" by Dodds and Whiles, and gave it a look. It was published in 2010, nearly a decade newer than the last edition of Limnology. I decided to adopt it for my senior level course in Limnology. I just finished using it for that class for the first time. This is a small enrollment class of usually around a dozen students. Most students who take this class are eyeing careers in fisheries management or ecology. We use the textbook extensively in class. At least half of each class meeting is devoted to open discussion of the assigned reading for the day. By the end of the semester students and I had read the entire textbook. Readings for this class were pretty heavy going when I used Limnology by Wetzel. But this semester, when I asked my students how they liked "Freshwater Ecology" they reported that they found it to be readable and understandable...not something my students used to say about "Limnology." I too found this textbook informative and readable. I also read the whole thing this semester with my students. As textbooks in specialized areas go, this one is excellent. Don't get me wrong, it's its own book, it's not just a Wetzel reboot. I like the layout, the presentation, and the content. I plan to use this textbook for the foreseeable future. 5 stars.

For the most part, I really enjoyed using this book for class. The content discussing abiotic factors can be really confusing and seems to repeat itself (a lot); however, content discussing biotic factors of ecology was very well presented and really interesting to read.

There are many Midwestern examples in this book (talks about Ogallala aquifer, Missouri river, etc.). It's dense with information and sometimes difficult to construct a clear idea of what a term is based on context clues, but it does have a glossary to help with that. Even though it is dense with information, it's not written as such a high level that someone who's taken ecology to understand.

Great introductory text! Well written and accessible to a variety of students and scientists. It's a text

that I like to page through for the literature, and often will lend to others looking for a freshwater perspective. Good to have on hand if you're just starting out in a freshwater discipline.

This text does a great job of covering a lot of material in an approachable way. The writing is well paced rather than dry, making it easy to absorb the content without it becoming a chore.

Looks great, perfect condition and came right on time. I wish the book had more colored pictures though. Everything is in black and white.

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