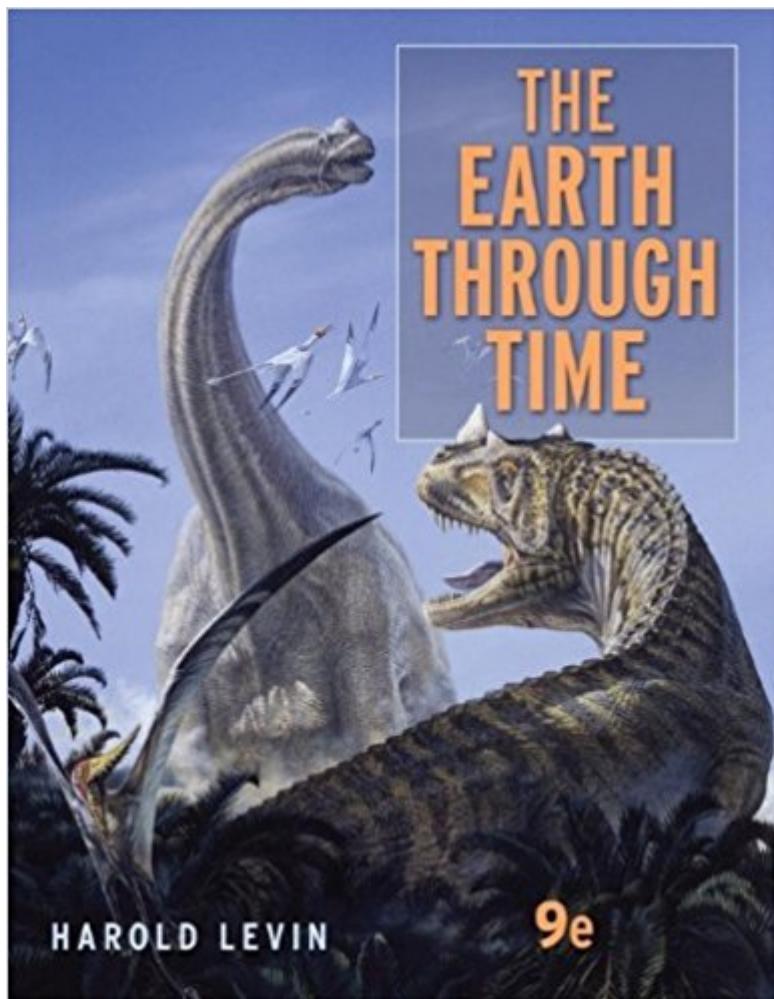


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This best-selling historical geology text provides geologists with an excellent balance of basic geology and paleontology. The ninth edition presents rich, authoritative coverage of the history of the Earth, offering the most comprehensive history in the discipline today. It maintains its strong approach to stratigraphy and paleontology that other texts have lost. The text's paleogeographic maps are excellent in detail and are a vital component in understanding the earth's history. Stunning artwork brings the ancient world to life. Geology of National Parks boxes encourage them to visit these parks to appreciate their geological significance. Geologists will also appreciate the questions about past geologic events and the processes used in finding answers.

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Experience a story of remarkable events and extraordinary creatures. Seafloors thrust up to form mountain ranges, earthquakes, continents broken apart, fiery floods of lava, mass extinctions. It's not the latest blockbuster movie; it's the story of our planet Earth, a story filled with remarkable events and extraordinary creatures. In *The Earth Through Time*, Eighth Edition, Harold Levin continues to bring the fascinating story of the Earth's geological history to life. Levin's stimulating, highly visual, comprehensive, and thought-provoking approach to historical geology promotes a spirit of intellectual curiosity. Levin explains how the Earth was born, how it has changed through eons of time, what caused the changes, how those changes affected life in the Earth's geologic past, and how geologists "read the rocks" to write the Earth's history. Now updated and revised with many new photographs and graphics, the new Eighth Edition is now even more lively,

accessible, and engaging than ever before. Features Stunning artwork that brings the ancient world to life. In addition, the text is richly illustrated with geologic block diagrams, cross-sections, stratigraphic maps, paleogeographic maps, and phylogenetic trees. Balanced coverage of basic geology and paleontology, with a strong approach to stratigraphy and paleontology. Emphasizes questions about past geologic events and the processes used in finding answers. Integrated approach to the Earth's systems—the solid Earth, the atmosphere, and the biosphere. Geology of National Parks boxes encourage readers to visit these parks to appreciate their geological significance. A companion website([www.wiley.com/college/levin](http://www.wiley.com/college/levin)), including hot links, quizzes, student study guide, and chapter tutorials. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Harold ("Hal") Levin began his career as a petroleum geologist in 1956 after receiving bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Missouri and a doctorate from Washington University. His fondness for teaching brought him back to Washington University in 1962, where he is currently professor of geology and paleontology in the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences. His writing efforts include authorship of six editions of *The Earth Through Times*; four editions of *Contemporary Physical Geology*; *Essentials of Earth Science*; and co-authorship of *Earth: Past and Present*, as well as six editions of *Laboratory Studies in Historical Geology*; *Life Through Times*; and most recently, *Ancient Invertebrates and Their Living Relatives*. For his course in physical geology, historical geology, paleontology, sedimentology, and stratigraphy, Hal has received several awards for excellence in teaching. The accompanying photograph was taken during a lecture on life of the Cenozoic Era. The horse skull serves to illustrate changes in the teeth and jaws of grazing animals in response to the spread of prairies and savannahs during the Miocene and subsequent epochs. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I had never studied geology beyond earth science in eighth grade. The purchase of this book was an experiment. 80 pages in, I love it. I have been having so much fun thinking about the places I have traveled where ancient bedrock was exposed, visiting places in the San Francisco area specifically to look at rocks to see if I can identify rocks and minerals described in the textbook. I'm thinking about the connection between the rocks and prehistoric events and conditions. I find myself looking through photos of places that I've been then searching the web for "geologic map of abc" do you understand what I was looking at. I was able to pinpoint one location where I was staring at paleoproterozoic rock.

I have an amateur's interest in geology and have attended courses at a local college, have bought other books in geology but this book by far gives me the greatest insight to the wonders of time both in rocks and in living things. The later versions are much more expensive than this used textbook.

I can't say enough good things about this book. Everything you could possibly want to know about the Earth is in this book. Even used, this book is a steal. The only thing I would add is the very latest information on the effect of sunspots & solar flares on Earth's climate, and how the theory on global warming is believed to be wrong. This book turned out to be HUGE with information. I would give it ten stars if it were possible!

As a lay person, I have a great interest in early Earth history and have read a number of books on the subject (mainly by taking them out from the library). But this book is one of the best (for me the best). This book makes a complex subject easy to understand because it's so well written. It covers everything you need to know. Lots of charts, pictures, time lines, etc. When you finish, you don't have questions still lingering - you feel very satisfied and knowledgeable - you don't feel still wanting - it covers the topic thoroughly. For those seeking to read a very good book on Earth history (both geologically and biologically), this book is for you - you will not be disappointed. (What a bargain for a \$44.90 paperback!)

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I am totally attracted to it, the content is very rich, full of surprises, I very like, will often come!

My professor was so nice to let us buy this textbook instead of the newest edition. He informed us that only a few pages had been changed so even if your professor tells you that you need the newest version you can save a hundred dollars or so by buying this one and you will still have all the same information from the new text book!

This is a commonly assigned textbook in historical geology courses and for good reason. The information in this book is well organized and complete and has remained in my personal library well past graduation as a reference.

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