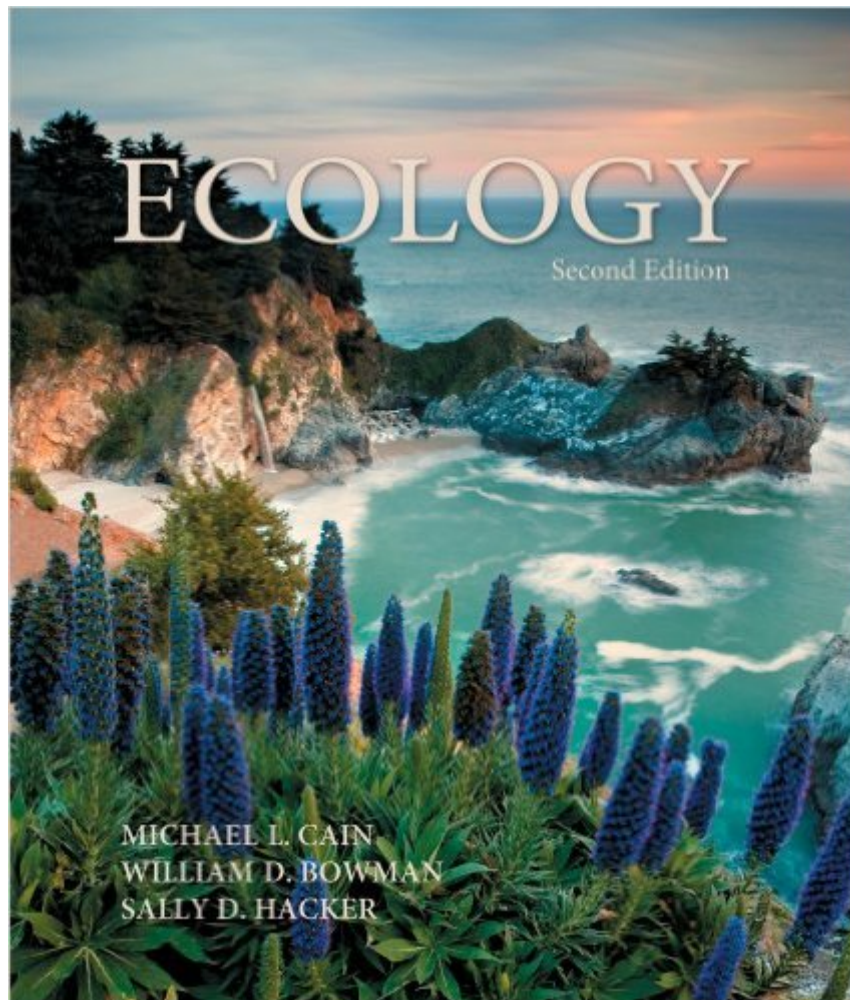


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Customer Reviews

I have almost completed my semester of ecology and feel qualified to review the book. It offers quite a comprehensive overview of the subject, with plenty of examples, graphs, and charts to illustrate concepts, as well as thought-provoking exercises and review questions. This textbook gives excellent treatment to a difficult subject. I purchased looseleaf because it offered cost savings, but it's really really not worth the hassle of trying to keep it together and in decent condition for resale.

I took my first ecology course using this textbook. My professor structured the course to promote reading the textbook so I've actually managed to read this entire book. I found it wonderfully informative and one of the best textbooks I've ever read. **Word or warning-when it says loose leaf it means a non-binded book that arrives held together by rubber bands. However, you can just buy a binder for it and all is well.

All textbooks published by Sinauer are excellent and this text meets that level of excellence. The text is designed for an introductory biology major student in either a first year undergraduate or upper division class. The text is clear and comprehensive, yet concise. Also, illustrations are extremely helpful, complementing the text admirably.

I am reading this book to enhance my understanding of ecology before applying to grad school in the subject. So far it has been enjoyable to read, if a bit long. Question I am hoping someone can answer- where are the ecological toolkits? They are bolded in the text, but I do not see them in either the text or the accompanying website. I think they describe methods of collecting data for studying ecology, which would be helpful to me in formulating a thesis topic. Thank you!

Great book with a lot of information. Barely used it for my Ecology class though. I hate the way the school system works with these books. Constantly changing the book or addition every year. These books are VERY expensive, at least for my budget. Learned some great stuff about our earth and the effects humans have on it.

I think that this is a good ecology book. Goes into enough detail to satisfy the curious student. Also gives good examples that are actually interesting.

Book has great case studies, great pictures, not too big and heavy, great baseline knowledge of ecology. I can't wait to finish it.

This was an OK ecology book. It wasn't my favorite class, but the book made it pretty easy. I like that there are lots of pictures and illustrations, as I'm a visual learner. Someone else said the chapters were really long, but I didn't find them to be so. The examples they gave made the chapters interesting and I had no trouble finishing them in one sitting. Would definitely recommend as an introduction to Ecology.

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