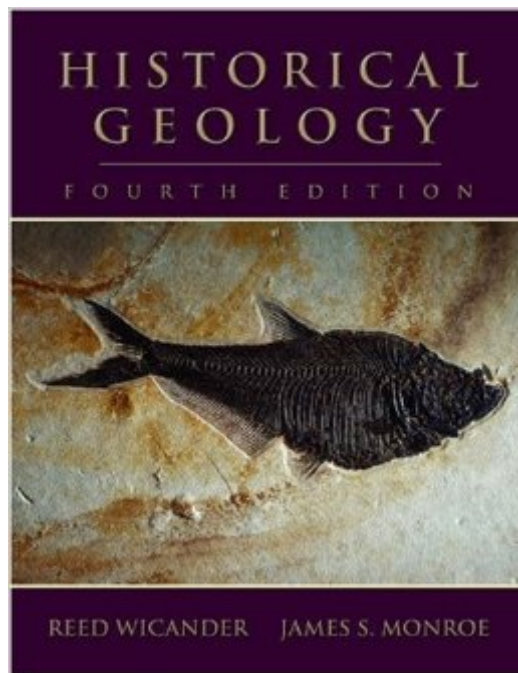


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The authors give a strong explanation of biological evolution, from its earliest unicellular origins to the present. Much fossil and DNA evidence is summarised. Including recent findings in fossil digs from the 90s. They point out that many so-called missing links are not. For relations between genera, families, orders and classes, the intermediate forms ("links") are often present in the fossil record. Amongst the cases cited are the origins of whales and sea cows. More generally, the book has numerous instances where transitions found in fossils are explained in terms of limbs or bones developing, or suchlike, so that you can clearly see how one fossil is the evolutionary ancestor of another later fossil. As in the early fishes. Where those who developed jaws with bones were then

more able to hunt other fishes; a strong evolutionary advantage. While the move onto land is shown in fossils that had fins with muscles. This allowed for propulsion above water, where the original advantage was to let the fish move around under water, in mud or vegetation. Geology is also emphasised. Often giving rise to various ore and petroleum bodies found today. Plus plate tectonics is shown to account for the continental drifts and the breakup of Gondwanaland.

If one is interested in historic geology and life on earth this is a great book to start with. Very well written and is a great introduction to how life interact the natural geological changes as the earth evolved over time.

An older edition of the book currently used for my Historical Geology class, but it has all the info you need without having to spend \$200 for a new edition. Fascinating subjects full of interesting facts and knowledge!

If you need this for a class, then it is your best friend. I personally think that the book is interesting to read by itself, but I'm a nerd.

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