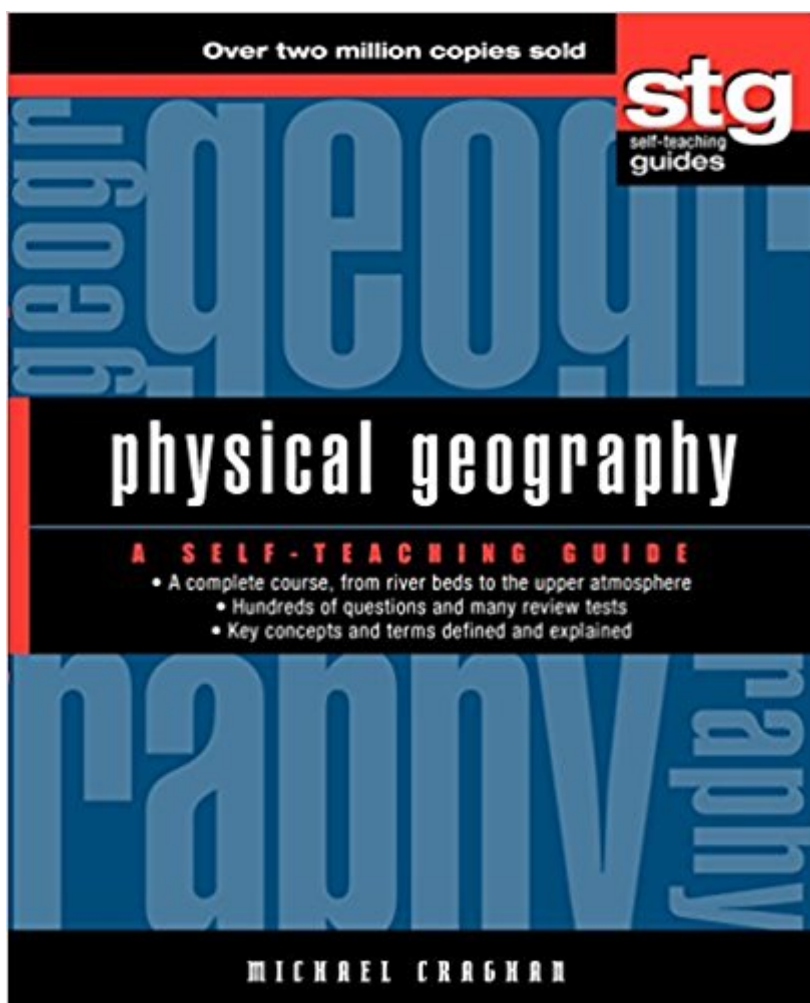


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Wasn't the exact volume I needed, but it worked just as well as the \$60 version in the bookstore on campus

I bought the Kindle version of this book and the first thing I noticed is that the author book assumes an American readership and skews its examples accordingly. So if you're curious about Australia's weather patterns, for example, there's not much here. For North Americans, this book is a good introduction to physical geography for kids about middle school age and up (Rose the Bat Lady notwithstanding, a kid doesn't have to be a super genius to absorb the material). The information given is clearly explained by a writer who respects young people's intelligence. However, it does not have the sorts of colorful, super-entertaining illustrations that today's kids expect. Instead, it offers very simple black & white line drawings of the type one expects to find in much older books. So four stars instead of five because of visuals. On the other hand, perhaps parents will be encouraged to do supplemental activities such as breaking out the family globe, a flashlight and a bowl of popcorn and demonstrating for their kids the basics of rotation, tilt, revolution and their effects on the sun's illumination of various points on the earth on various days of the year. I guarantee an evening spent

this way would not only be great for the whole family but far more memorable than the hippest illustrations ever could be.

The text is very easy to understand, but that's a two edge sword because what's easy to understand to one person is painfully boring to another. I like that after every lesson is a quiz. This makes it easy to see if the material is understood before moving forward. I would strongly recommend going to a book store or library to see this book firsthand before buying it, if that's at all possible. If that's not possible I would recommend this book for anyone who likes to learn but doesn't have the time or attention available to delve into a meaty tome. My title is a little misleading, my sixth grader taught himself to build robots and play the trumpet with the aid of good books. Not to brag (ok a little bragging) but as a guideline.

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