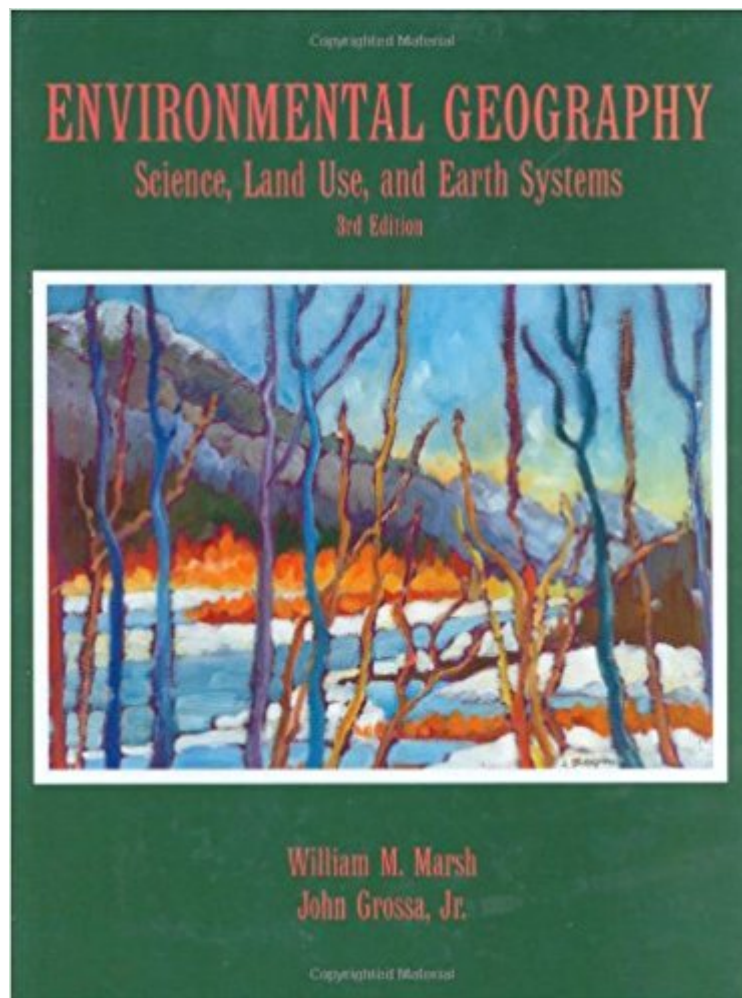




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Wonderful thank you!

Long winded but informative, I feel like this text must tell you everything you could possibly want to know about environmental geography up to its publishing... so obviously it's not totally up to date. It tells about as much as a documentary could... so maybe teachers should show movies since, like I said, this book is dull dull dull.

It noted the markings but the book was in good condition.

Wonderful book in great condition! Inside is good as new quality!

Text was somewhat helpful

Book was in excellent condition.

The book wasn't in perfect condition, but saved me a good bit of money for a same condition used book in my school bookstore. It was a good deal for me.

Maybe it is fitting that the book starts off by confronting a possible global environmental crisis of the 21st century. The limits to growth of the human population are studied. This leads immediately to the idea of a maximum carrying capacity of the globe. The authors use this to segue into the rest of the book. Discussing in part the notion of sustainable land use, and by trying to properly account, in a bookkeeping sense, for the pollution costs of industry and of individual lifestyles. We see that more efficient use of raw materials is necessary, along with expanded recycling. Later on, the book goes into important topics like human population trends and temporal and spatial variations in how people are scattered throughout the world. Energy generation is another key idea. Fossil fuels are

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