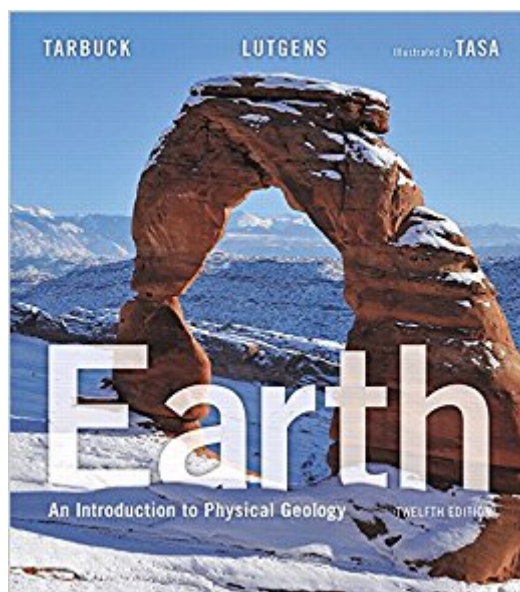




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Fred Lutgens and Ed Tarbuck have been good friends and colleagues since 1970. Between them, they have more than 57 years of experience teaching geology to undergraduates, and both have been recognized with awards as excellent and inspiring professors. They share a special interest in introducing geology to beginning students and a belief in the value of field experiences for students of all levels. [Lutgens and Tarbuck published their first college text, Earth Science, in 1976.](#) That book, winner of the McGuffey Award from the Text and Academic Authors Association, is now in its fourteenth edition. In 1983, as the first edition of Earth was being prepared, gifted geology illustrator Dennis Tasa joined the author team. Since then the three have collaborated on more than twenty projects. Not only do Tarbuck, Lutgens, and Tasa work well together creatively; they also enjoy spending time in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains near Tasa's New Mexico studio. [Tarbuck enjoys downhill skiing in Colorado, fly fishing near his childhood home in Northern Minnesota, and spending time in the Cascades.](#) Lutgens is an avid runner, and when he can make the time, truly enjoys hiking the canyons of the Colorado Plateau. Although Lutgens and Tarbuck think alike on many issues, they don't agree on everything. Lutgens is devoted to jazz and classical music, whereas Tarbuck prefers pop artists or a good country station. [Lutgens and Tarbuck](#)

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This text covers a lot of material, and manages to do so quite thoroughly and even fairly readably. It is a useful textbook for any "Intro to Geology" class, and would even be useful for someone interested in exploring the subject on their own, outside of a classroom.

Excellent book for learning enough about geology to deeply understand my rock collecting hobby. But despite the cost, size and weight of the book, it does not have a hardcover. Its paper cover is so flimsy that the spine flops around and the book can only be read by laying it flat on a table. In a few days I found that so inconvenient and uncomfortable I've had to buy a large, solid-backed, book holder for it.

This book was fantastic. The pictures are beautiful and the graphs/charts/diagrams made it much easier to learn the theory and concepts. The only problem I had with this specific book was that it is missing the last chapter of the book, index, and glossary. I ended up contacting a classmate to get the last chapter and was very disappointed in the missing information, which I needed for the class!

I bought the physical textbook for my Geology 101 class. This book will teach you everything you need to know when beginning to learn about Geology. It is an interesting book with some fantastic images and displays. There is also an online code that comes with the new copies of the book. This is recommended if you are taking a Geology class, unless you would like to use it for your own learning process, then feel free. That code allows you to use the book's website to quiz yourself and learn more about Geology. You can also get the digital of this book as well, which allows you to highlight text and make notes and such. Very good buy for Geology learning students or just people who are interested in the knowledge of the Earth.

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