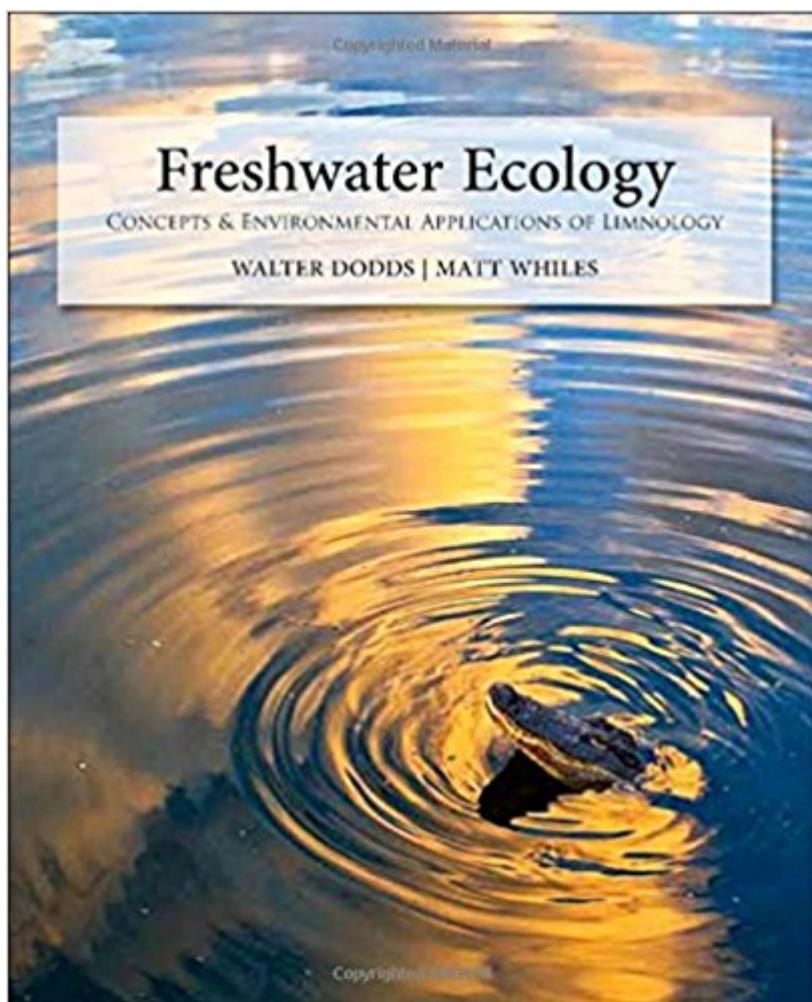


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"[A] very good text, especially in terms of the biotic ecological processes that it covers. In many ways, this textbook provides a really refreshing blend of ecological concepts as they apply to aquatic ecology, in addition to the basic knowledge of freshwater ecosystem organisms that a student would need to apply the conceptsÃ¢â€| We think that it is a successful, innovative and, for the most part, modern view of the study of inland waters. As seems to be the case with many current texts, this one makes full use of a variety of presentation methods: boxes, biographies, methods boxes and sidebars (which, incidentally, are not on the side). Some are more successful than others. Each chapter also ends with summary points to guide students but, more interestingly, with a series of questions. We found that most of these questions were quite useful and thought-provoking. As in much of ecology, they were often open to a variety of answers and we felt that they would be useful for promoting discussion amongst students. The authors are both primarily stream ecologists and one can often sense greater enthusiasm from them when lotic processes and organisms are discussed. Certain concepts (e.g. disturbance, fish and invertebrate ecology) are explored in greater detail, probably reflecting the authorsÃ¢â€¢ backgrounds and interests. However, that said, the discussion of lentic environments is not short-changed and this text would serve any general undergraduate limnology course very well. In fact, in some ways this bias has enabled the authors to provide a refreshing and balanced look at the field, as many older texts have a lake-centric focus." - Limnology and Oceanography Bulletin, March 2011

Walter K. Dodds received his Ph.D. in Biology in 1986 from the University of Oregon. From 1987 to 1990 he was a post doctoral fellow in the Department of Biology at Montana State University. In 1990 he accepted an Assistant Professor position in the Division of Biology at Kansas State University, in 1995 he was promoted to Associate Professor and in 2002 to full Professor. Over the years, Dodds has taught Limnology, Advanced Aquatic Ecology, Microbial Ecology, Principles of Biology, Conservation Biology, Environmental Problems, Origins of Life, Herbivory, Presentations in Ecology, Aquatic Ecology, Stream Ecology, Algal Identification, Algal Ecology, Bacteriology and Freshwater Biology. He has professional memberships in the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Society of Limnology and Oceanography, the American

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Regarding content- I don't know if I just don't like the subject or if the book is actually terribly written. It goes on and on, but you never finish a chapter feeling like you've learned something, rather like you've just read a bunch of rambling that you were expected to pick important pieces out of, then research those pieces elsewhere to find the real point. Regarding quality of the book- if you actually plan on opening and reading the book, the binding is awful. It broke when I got to chapter 4. So much for being a rental.

For the most part, I really enjoyed using this book for class. The content discussing abiotic factors can be really confusing and seems to repeat itself (a lot); however, content discussing biotic factors of ecology was very well presented and really interesting to read.

Great introductory text! Well written and accessible to a variety of students and scientists. It's a text that I like to page through for the literature, and often will lend to others looking for a freshwater perspective. Good to have on hand if you're just starting out in a freshwater discipline.

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This text does a great job of covering a lot of material in an approachable way. The writing is well paced rather than dry, making it easy to absorb the content without it becoming a chore.

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