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hailed by the new york times for writing with wonderful clarity about science that effortlessly teaches as it zips along nationally bestselling author robert m hazen offers a radical new approach to earth history in this intertwined tale of the planet s living and nonliving spheres with an astrobiologist s imagination a historian s perspective and a naturalist s eye hazen calls upon twenty first century discoveries that have revolutionized geology and enabled scientists to envision earth s many iterations in vivid detail from the mile high lava tides of its infancy to the early organisms responsible for more than two thirds of the mineral varieties beneath our feet lucid controversial and on the cutting edge of its field the story of earth is popular science of the highest order a sweeping rip roaring yarn of immense scope from the birth of the elements in the stars to meditations on the

future habitability of our world science a fascinating story bill mckibben

harvard's acclaimed geologist charts earth's history in accessible style as a sublime chronicle of our planet booklist starred review how well do you know the ground beneath your feet odds are where you're standing was once cooking under a roiling sea of lava crushed by a towering sheet of ice rocked by a nearby meteor strike or perhaps choked by poison gases drowned beneath ocean perched atop a mountain range or roamed by fearsome monsters probably most or even all of the above the story of our home planet and the organisms spread across its surface is far more spectacular than any hollywood blockbuster filled with enough plot twists to rival a bestselling thriller but only recently have we begun to piece together the whole mystery into a coherent narrative drawing on his decades of field research and up to the minute understanding of the latest science renowned geologist andrew h knoll delivers a rigorous yet accessible biography of earth charting our home planet's epic 4.6 billion year story placing twenty first century climate change in deep context a brief history of earth is an indispensable look at where we've been and where we're going features original illustrations depicting earth history and nearly 50 figures maps tables photographs graphs

paintings enhance the text through a chronicle of our planet its origin its development and its future

mammoths and dinosaurs tropical forests in northern europe and north america worldwide ice ages continents colliding and splitting apart comets and asteroids crashing catastrophically onto the earth these are just some of the surprising features of the eventful history of our planet stretched out over several billion years but how was it all discovered how was the evidence for the earth's long history collected and interpreted and what sorts of people put together this reconstruction of a deep past that no human beings could ever have witnessed in earth's deep history martin j s rudwick tells the gripping story of the gradual realization that the earth's history has not only been unimaginably long but also astonishingly eventful in utterly unexpected ways rudwick the world's premier historian of the earth sciences is the first to make the story of the discovery of the earth's deep history attractively accessible to readers without prior knowledge of either the history or the science and in so doing he reveals why it matters to us today

a new york times bestselling author explains how the physical world shaped the history of our species when we talk about human history we often focus on great leaders population forces and decisive wars but how has the earth itself determined our destiny our planet wobbles driving changes in climate that forced the transition from nomadism to farming mountainous terrain led to the development of democracy in greece atmospheric circulation patterns later on shaped the progression of global exploration colonization and trade even today voting behavior in the south east united states ultimately follows the underlying pattern of 75 million year old sediments from an

ancient sea everywhere is the deep imprint of the planetary on the human from the cultivation of the first crops to the founding of modern states origins reveals the breathtaking impact of the earth beneath our feet on the shape of our human civilizations

designed for a new generation of readers stanley s earth system history is a reforging of his exploring earth and life through time adopting an earth system approach throughout earth system history shows students how earth s ecosystem has developed over time and how events in the past provide a perspective for dealing with present and future changes clear and concise the new second edition of this introduction to historical geology is perfect for one term non majors courses and contains lots of new content and improved visuals

building planet earth presents a description of earth as a planet commencing with its physical and chemical evolution out of the primordial solar nebula the condensation of elements and their redistribution are described leading into a section dealing with mapping geophysical and geochemical studies this establishes the gross structure of the earth following which basic principles and processes of plate tectonics are then described leading to the elucidation of the working of geological cycles the main thrust of the remainder of the book is a description of the geological evolution of the earth volcanism and seismicity ice ages and climate isotopic techniques and age dating are all treated the impact of mass extinctions global warming and ozone holes are included the book is illustrated profusely and closes with a number of useful appendices

in outlines of the earth s history a popular study in physiography nathaniel southgate shaler delivers a masterful examination of our planet s geological evolution illustrating complex scientific concepts with clarity and accessibility shaler employs a prose style that deftly intertwines empirical observations with philosophical reflections making the text not only informative but also engaging set against the backdrop of late 19th century scientific exploration the book reflects the burgeoning interest in earth sciences during this era providing both a comprehensive overview of geological phenomena and an engaging narrative that captivates the reader s imagination nathaniel southgate shaler a prominent geologist and educator at harvard university drew upon his extensive field experiences and scholarly research to craft this seminal work shaler s profound understanding of geology honed through explorations in north america and his interactions with leading scientists informed his perspective on the interconnectedness of natural history and human existence his role in advancing public understanding of science underscores his commitment to making complex ideas accessible to a broader audience readers interested in the dynamics of our planet s history and the forces that have shaped it will find shaler s work both enlightening and thought provoking this book is highly recommended for anyone seeking a foundational understanding of physiography and its significance in understanding the earth s past and present

every year earth is bombarded with about 40 000 tons of extraterrestrial material this includes microscopic cosmic dust particles shed by comets and asteroids in outer space meteorites as well as large comets and asteroids that have led to catastrophic events in the geologic past originally considered only a curiosity extraterrestrial matter found on earth provides the only samples we have from comets asteroids and other planets only recently mankind has started to actively collect extraterrestrial matter in space apollo program stardust mission rather than to wait for its delivery to earth still most of our knowledge of the origin and evolution of our solar system is based on careful studies of meteorites cosmic dust and traces of large impact events in the geologic record such as the mass extinction that terminated the cretaceous period and led to the extinction of the dinosaurs this book summarizes our current knowledge of the properties origin orbital evolution and accretion mechanism of extraterrestrial matter accreted on earth and sheds light on accretion processes and fluxes in the geologic past the chapters in the first part of the book are arranged in order to follow extraterrestrial matter from its origin in space its orbital evolution on its way to earth its interaction with the earth magnetosphere and atmosphere to its more or less violent collision with the earth s surface in the second part of the book several chapters deal with the present day flux of cosmic dust and meteorites to earth finally several chapters deal with the reconstruction of the accretion history of extraterrestrial matter on earth starting with the most recent geologic past and ending with the very early violent accretion period shortly after the formation of earth moon and other solid planets in our solar system

welcome to the real history of earth you will not find this material in your high school or college history classes in fact the so called powers that be who appear to control the educational process on this planet definitely do not want you to have this information it is said that knowledge is power the purpose of this book is to empower you to live an awakened life full of creativity and compassion knowing how and why things are the way they are on earth gives each of us the power to make effective changes both within ourselves and the world if you are a physicist biologist archaeologist anthropologist or economist this material will likely challenge your deepest and most cherished ideas of reality due to the world of the internet the ideas presented herein can be researched and investigated thoroughly and the author encourages you to do so this book explores several deep questions that have plagued humanity since time began including such timeless classics as why is there so much suffering on earth and how do we break out of our self imposed prison of negative thoughts and beliefs we will also answer the question of how we came to be on this small planet at the edge of a rather average galaxy with our racial and ethnic mix languages and cultural habits also we will tread on some sacred cows including the belief that humanity evolved from the ape and the idea that this is the most advanced civilization that has existed on earth both incorrect assumptions we urge you to keep an open mind while reading this book do not blindly accept or reject anything that is being said unless a mind is open there is no way to attain greater knowledge and wisdom have you ever tried pouring liquid into a closed container so dear readers fasten your

seat belt and open the book for a wonderful ride

explores the history of planet earth from its fiery beginnings to the present

this book outlines the development and perspectives of the anthropocene concept by paul j crutzen and his colleagues from its inception to its implications for the sciences humanities society and politics the main text consists primarily of articles from peer reviewed scientific journals and other scholarly sources it comprises selected articles on the anthropocene published by paul j crutzen and a selection of related articles mostly but not exclusively by colleagues with whom he collaborated closely in the year 2000 nobel laureate paul j crutzen proposed the anthropocene concept as a new epoch in earth s history comprehensive collection of articles on the anthropocene by paul j crutzen and his colleagues unique primary research literature and crutzen s comprehensive bibliography paul crutzen s scientific investigations into human influences on atmospheric chemistry and physics the climate and the earth system leading to the conception of the anthropocene reflections on the anthropocene and its implications bibliometric review of the spread of the use of the anthropocene concept in the natural and social sciences humanities and law

earth s evolving systems the history of planet earth is intended as an introductory text that examines the evolution of the earth and its life from a systems point of view the text covers major topics like the lithosphere hydrosphere atmosphere and biosphere and discusses how these systems interacted with each other and evolved through geologic time the author takes care to integrate the current state of our earth systems with those of the past in an effort to develop students interests in earth system in general it begins by examining the basics of earth systems including discussions of sedimentation evolution stratigraphy and plate tectonics part two looks at the beginning of time with the origin of the earth and discusses its early evolution through the origin of life and its evolution to multicellularity the third section goes on to cover the paleozoic through the neogene eras discussing topics such as tectonics mountain building sea level climate life and mass extinctions in each era the final part moves on to the modern world discussing the interactions between humans and earth systems with an emphasis on the climatic system key features of earth s evolving system presents the earth as a continuously evolving and dynamic planet whose history consists of a succession of vastly different worlds very much unlike our modern earth discusses the scientific method in chapter 1 emphasizing how historical geology differs from the standard scientific method presented as the paradigm of experimental sciences and of all science bridges traditional historical geology texts by discussing historical information in the context of the interaction and integration of earth systems through geologic time by using the tectonic wilson cycle as a unifying theme concentrates on north america but offers a global perspective on earth systems on processes such as orogenesis seaways and ocean circulation the evolution of life and mass extinction discusses rapid climate

change and anthropogenic impacts in the context of a continuously evolving earth whose environments are now being altered by anthropogenic climate change end of chapter materials include general review questions more challenging food for thought questions key terms listing and a sources and further readings section boxes throughout the text highlight interesting bits of related information unusual occurrences or elaborates on material presented in the text

a splendid introduction to geology and paleontology for the lay reader to compress earth's history into a single lucidly written volume is a major achievement publishers weekly starred review few people have both the knowledge and the writing ability to capture such a long and varied history in a compelling manner in a short history of planet earth j d macdougall demonstrates that he is one of the few earth this exhilarating survey of the four and half billion years of earth's history charts both the geological and biological history of the planet it moves from the origin of the earth's iron core to the formation of today's seven continents and from the primordial building blocks of life to the evolution of the human form j d macdougall san diego california is a professor of earth science at the scripps oceanographic institute of the university of california san diego the premier center for earth science research in the u s his work has appeared in scientific american and the mcgraw hill encyclopedia of science and technology

the authors of this book have studied the changes in the chemical composition of the atmosphere during geological history with regard to its close relationship to the evolution of the earth's sedimentary shell beginning in 1977 the initial results of this study have been published as articles and parts of several monographs since new material clarifying atmospheric evolution have been obtained recently the necessity has arisen to write a book treating the major results of investigations of the history of the atmosphere in this book much consideration is given to the interrelation between the evolution of animate nature and changes in atmospheric composition it proved necessary to study the history of the two components of atmospheric air carbon dioxide and oxygen attempts have been made to represent quantitatively the conclusions drawn here i e to determine by calculation the changes in the amount of carbon dioxide and oxygen over much of the history of the atmosphere these calculations performed in most detail for the phanerozoic and to a lesser degree for the late precambrian are supplemented with estimates of changes in the chemical composition of the atmosphere in the early precambrian comparisons have been drawn between the changes in the chemical composition of the atmosphere and the development of animate nature a close relationship being found to exist between the stages of the evolution of organisms and variations in the chemical composition of the atmosphere

for thousands of years humans have probed and pondered over our planetary home how was the earth formed how old is it how did it become a living world today because of our expanded knowledge and the wonders of technology we know a lot more about earth than our ancestors we

know that it is an evolving planet undergoing never ending changes perhaps at a pace unequalled in its recent or even remote past the story of planet earth gives a detailed yet interesting account of a lot more aspects related to the creation of earth earth s origin in light of the big bang explosion arrival of water on its surface formation of its atmosphere evolution of life forms from unicellular organisms to giants like dinosaurs changes from its core to crust and its current state in terms of unsettling global changes a majority of which find their roots in our greed and thoughtlessness the book goes beyond time into the future to see what may be in store for our forthcoming generations if we don t care about this home of ours

visualizing earth history integrates artwork and images from national geographic and other rich visuals to provide a broad overview of earth history author loren babcock explores earth s history as a series of interrelated processes that continue to have significant outcomes for humans and other living things

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