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An abbreviated version of the best-selling text, *Earth Science*, 7/E. This text offers a user-friendly overview of our physical environment, placing a particular emphasis on readability, with clear, example-driven explanations.

From the Back Cover

This overview of the physical environment presents geologic concepts in a user-friendly style. Clear, readable discussions with a minimum of technical language combined with a crafted art program and coverage of current events, make up this comprehensive book. Contains a unique chapter on geologic time. The book includes as many current events as possible, such as the floods of 1997-98, the Hale-Bopp Comet, and the volcanism of Montserrat. The theme of Earth systems is woven throughout the book — without dominating the structure — to cover Earth systems science and demonstrate how different processes interact.

About the Author

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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 going into its tenth 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.

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