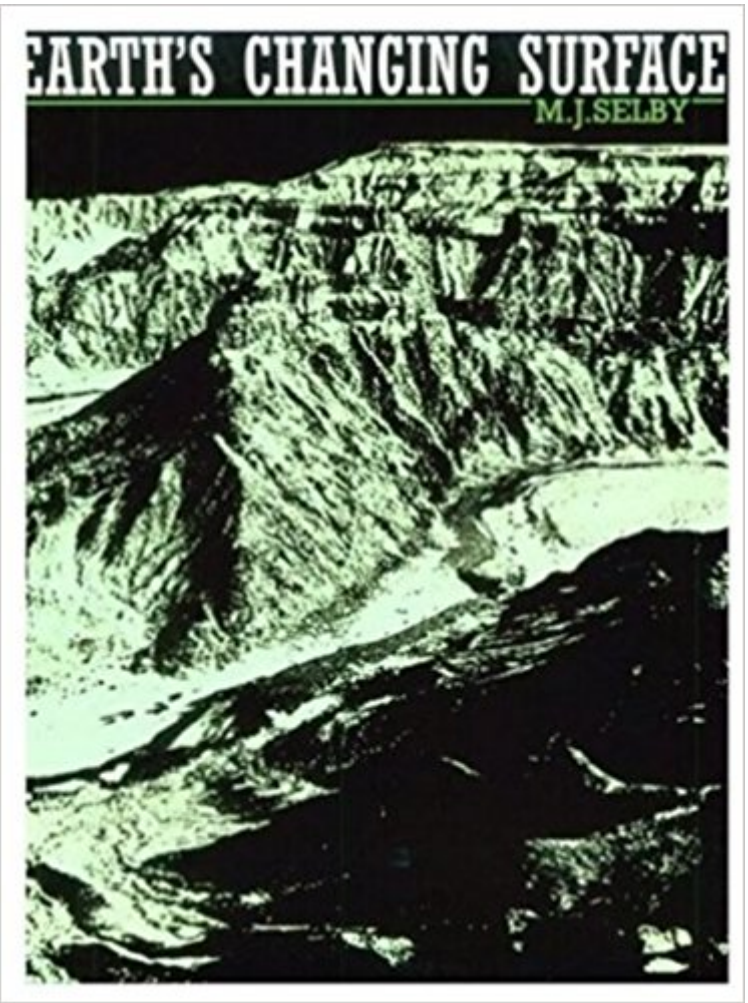
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Geomorphologists have recently switched their attention from the processes that create land forms on a small scale to far broader processes involving tectonic and climatic changes on a global scale. This is the first comprehensive textbook to take account of these long-term changes. It covers the fundamental principles of geomorphology and is divided into three parts: the nature and structure of earth's major physical features and the results of tectonism; the processes of weathering, erosion, and deposition which create land forms; and the major bioclimatic zones of the earth, with their complexes of relict and modern land forms resulting from the numerous climatic variations of late Cenozoic time.

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`This is an excellent text.'Dr Ian Livingstone, Coventry University

I'm not a geologist. Through my high school and college years it bored me. Later in life, living in a geologically diverse area, I began to wonder how terrain was shaped. And I started being uncomfortable with maps in fantasy books -- although I couldn't put my finger on why that was.This book wasn't the only one on my voyage of discovery, but it's the one I keep coming back to. It's well-illustrated and has reasonable photos that provoke a lot of thought. While most of it is easily read by an intelligent high school student, it doesn't pull any punches, and on occasions dips into detail and distinctions between terms that put me instantly to sleep. (In fact, I keep this book by my bed!) But most of the time I read awhile, think "that's interesting".This is a long book, and after reading it you will understand more about geology -- or to be exact geomorphology -- than 99% of

the people in the world. That's what I call a good investment of time! Also, the thing is dirt cheap. Unfortunately, lol, you'll also see through how flimsy the maps are in ... every fantasy and science fiction novel I've read. That doesn't spoil the enjoyment, but if you are of an enquiring mind, it does confirm your lurking suspicions.

A complete and interesting text about the process that shaped the Earth's face. There are some parts of the text that are almost the same that was written in other books, mainly when the subject is "drainage basin". In spite of that, it is a very good geomorphology book.

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