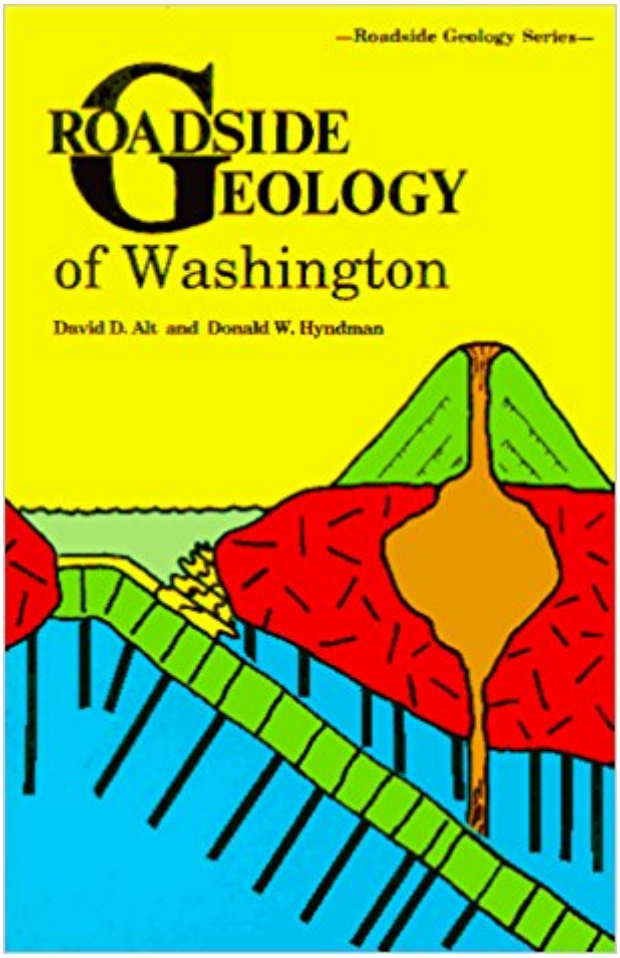
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I’ve bought this book several times. Worn out or lost several copies. Wonderful overview from a technical as well as a lay perspective.

Unfortunately for me, I live on the Kitsap Peninsula which the writers pretty much abandon at the outset, "Ãƒ Â¢Ã â ¬Ã Â¦we surrender to the opacity of glacial sediments as much as 3000 feet thick."

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Father in law loved the book

My 13 year old son and I just finished a 1000 mile trip son through Washington, Idaho, and Montana. This series of books was our companion. My son read it aloud as we drove. We both learned a lot about the Columbia river basin, and the cascade mountains.After reading it, my son could spot and identify the different general rock types and color changes described.An excellent companion with good diagrams and short sections that convey the most important (and observable) facts.

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