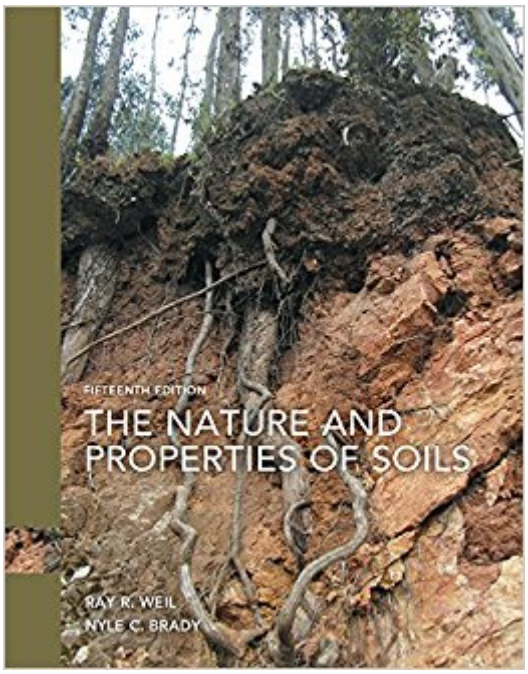
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Synopsis

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WOW! If I had known that this book existed earlier, I could have saved my time and money on all those other books on soil! This text is authoritative, clearly communicated, and covers the whole discipline. So many other books on soil and fertility reek of author’s subjective opinion, lack data-driven foundation - many times passing on centuries long old wives tales rather than giving us something scientifically based. Really a great educational tool and reference!

I am familiar with the book since I was an undergraduate student. There is no doubt about the quality of the book itself. However, the book I received today was printed in very poor quality paper. Photos and figures are in colour, but the quality of paper ruin it.

This exhaustive text on soils and their development is surprisingly readable. Maps, pictures and charts are included, and the information is organized in such a way that the non-specialist can easily understand the information presented. My only complaint: the index is incomplete, so it can be difficult to look up specific topics.

If you want to know all about soil this is the book you need! It is well written, intelligently arranged and jam packed with all the knowledge one needs to know about ones yard. farm or neighborhood. I keep it close by for constant reference.

This was much more affordable then the hard back version of the text. The pages are a bit on the thin side so go light on any highlighting. Also, the content of the textbook was the same, but the page numbering was different so make sure if this is for a class, you get the subject titles and do not just follow pages numbers.

As colder weather looms, I have been interested in what goes on underground after harvest in my garden is complete. I found a reference to this book and ordered it especially for the chapters on the biota of soil. I didn't think I was interested in the field of soil science, but was hooked as I got into the book. I don't intend to memorize the technical names of soil types around the world, but I will keep this volume on my shelf. Requires some science background.

Wow. I mean, where do I start? Brady and Weil continue to put out great work. I like how the glossary is in the front of the book. And that about sums it up! THE book for soil scholars.

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