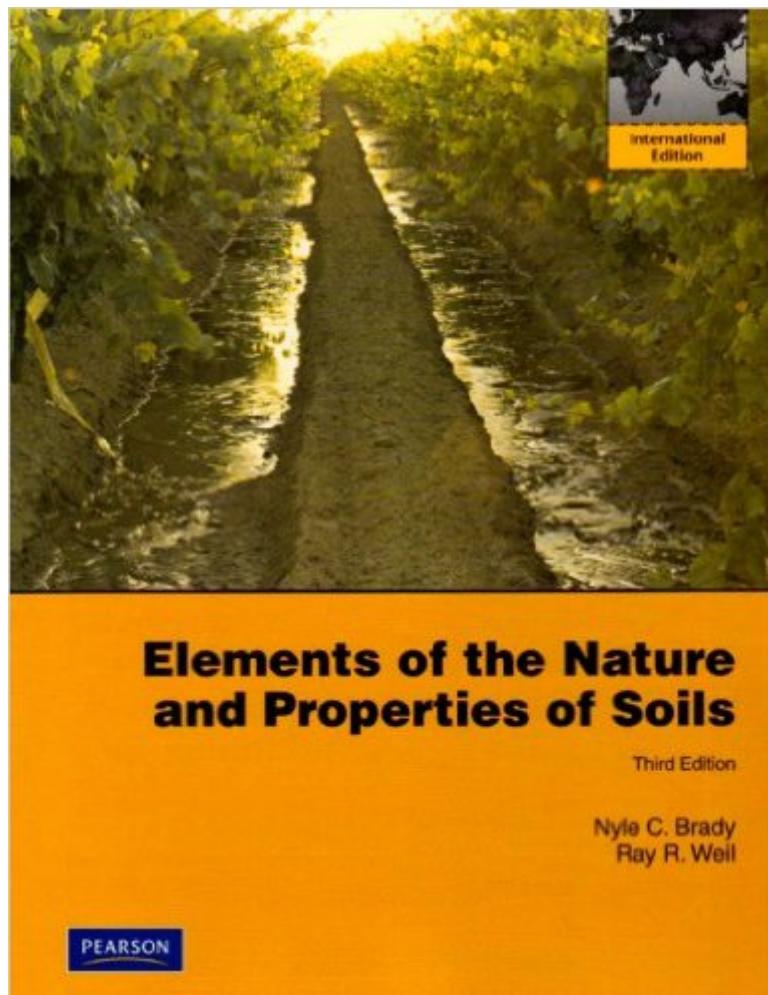


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# Elements Of The Nature And Properties Of Soils



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- Engineering properties of soils
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This book is absolutely packed with info. Extremely valuable reference if you're going into agriculture or engineering that involves siting roads and buildings. I had to get it for a college soils class too, and while it is dry reading, there's really a lot to learn and digest. It's one of the first textbooks I'll be keeping rather than selling back.

According to my professor, this is one of the very best textbooks on this subject. The course has turned out to be life-changing: there is no life on land without soil! This looseleaf version arrived in perfect condition, well packaged, no dog ears or such. Save some money!

I bought this for an intro soil science class. I didn't even open it for the class, but it did come in handy as a reference book when I tried to apply some soil science principles to real-world problems later. Over time, we tend to forget things. So it was very useful to keep this textbook so that I could go look up some basic soil science that I forgot over the summer. It's pretty well organized and easy to understand, as long as you got a B or better in a general chemistry class first.

The detailed outlay of the book is very enlightening and thorough in its approach to deliver knowledge regarding many things, 'soil'. I have learned a treasure load of goodies from this book regarding the science of soil and other practical implications as well.

According to my professor, this is one of the very best texts on this subject. The course has turned out to be life-changing, I want to study soils much, much more: there is no life on any land without soil! Have already added to my library on the topic, will continue to do so by hook. No crook. :-)

Good book. I like the having the student edition, so it can be put in a 3-ring binder, and I can switch pages according to what is being taught in the class. (Of course I did have to get reinforcement labels so the pages would not tear out of the binder)

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I bought this book (\$109, new) for a class on soils and the environment. I will be honest, I did not read the whole book. I read a few chapters. I do know that my professor had issues with one or two of the chapters, (chapter 10?), dealing with microbes (so keep an eye out). That being said, it's not a hardcover book, and is worded so that you can read it with flow (not choppy writing). This is a good book, I wish books were not as expensive. Shipping was great, arrived on time. The class was great, deep learning about the world of Soils.

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