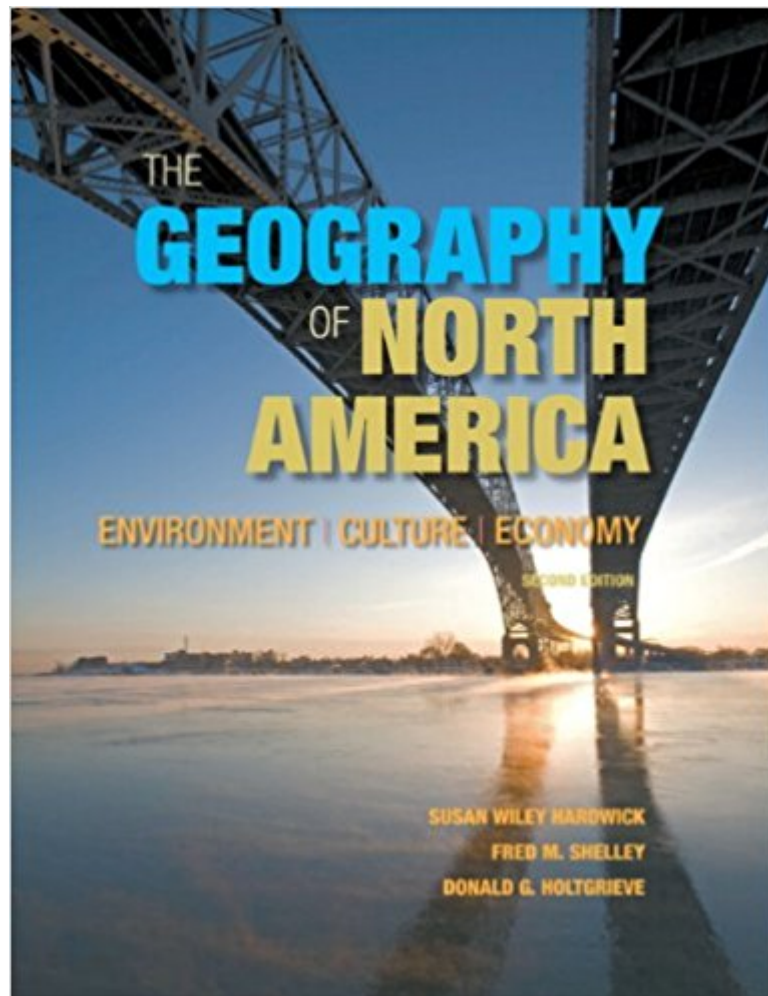




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# The Geography Of North America: Environment, Culture, Economy (2nd Edition)



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North America's physical, economic, and cultural environments are changing rapidly – from climate change and environmental hazards, to the ongoing global economic turmoil, to an expanding population, to the cultural phenomenon of online social networks like Facebook. The *Geography of North America: Environment, Culture, Economy* is an engaging approach to the geography of the U.S., Canada, and Greenland. While the material is structured around traditional concepts and themes, compelling modern examples illustrate key concepts, including popular culture, sports, music, and travel. The authors' accessible approach promotes understanding of various regions of the continent as well as Hawaii and Greenland. The Second Edition strengthens the text's three core themes of environment, culture, and economy with new data and updated chapter sections, revised feature box essays, and a new pedagogical structure consisting of learning outcomes, checkpoints, and discussion questions. Online media and quiz support are found on the book's premium website at [www.mygeoscienceplace.com](http://www.mygeoscienceplace.com).

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Though this is a textbook, I read it primarily to learn more about the areas of this country and am very glad I did. Most of us Americans know amazingly little about the diverse regions of our nation, and are parochial fans of where we live. Hardwick's book is an important one because there are oddly almost no other textbooks on the adult/college level covering the geography of North America. The book divides the continent into 14 regions: the Atlantic periphery (northern New England and the far northeastern provinces of Canada), Quebec, Megalopolis (the urban stretch from Boston to Washington, D.C), the Great Lakes and Corn Belt, the Inland South, Coastal South, Great Plains, Rocky Mountain Region, Intermontane West, MexAmerica (the Southwest), California, Pacific Northwest, Hawai'i and the Pacific Islands, and the Far North (Canada, Alaska, Greenland). Keep in mind that this is not at all just about physical geography, but a description of how daily life, leisure, jobs, ethnicity, and traditions (e.g., food, music) differ regionally. The abundant photos and maps make for important visual understanding. The chapters take up less than 400 pages, with important

points given succinctly. There are additional chapters on the history, politics, and environmental setting of the continent. The writing tends to be factual summaries of topics, but they are livened by boxes of information on specific topics, such as country music in the Inland South chapter or hockey and ethnic identity in the chapter on Quebec. Anyone reading this book will learn a great deal of useful information about the U.S. and Canada. I will stop short of saying it should be required reading for all Americans, but I'm tempted!

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great beginner geo book.

I needed this book for a class, so I rented it. It arrived in good time and good condition. I am glad I was able to rent it, and didn't have to buy it. Thanks for that! I love geography, but this book is a bit boring how it is written, in my opinion. There is a ton of information in it, a lot of history, but I found it to be not organized too well in many parts. I found it to be interesting in some areas, but like I said before, a bit boring.

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