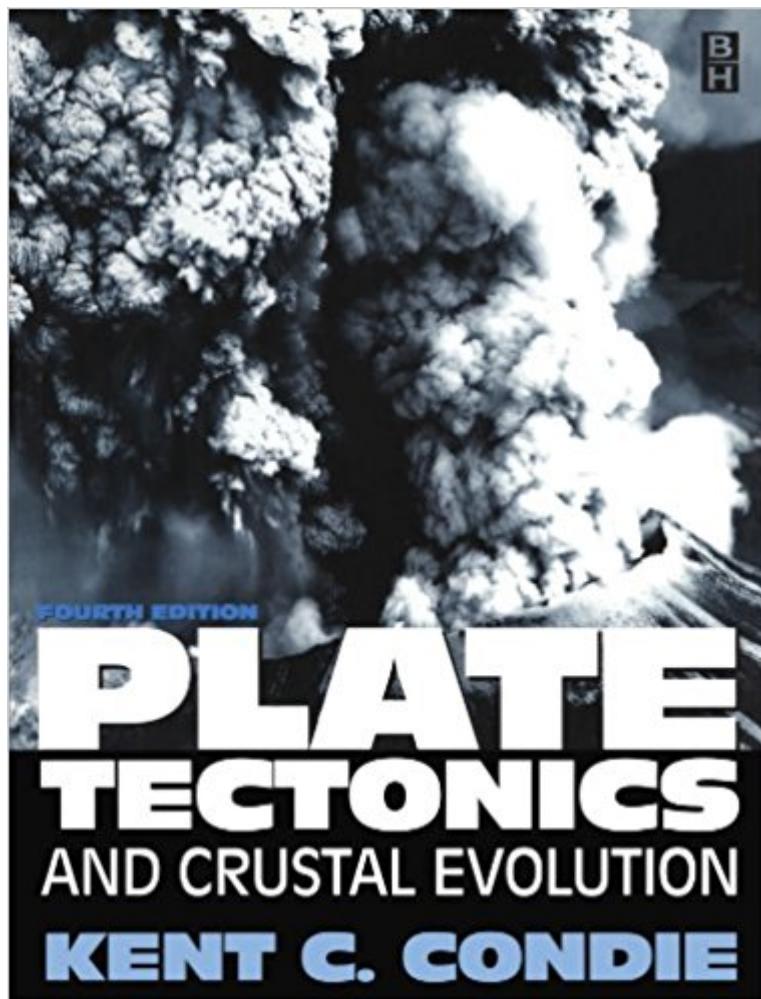


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Although a used book, it was like new. Condie has packed his book with essential facts. The book is challenging to read, but well written as teaching text. An extensive glossary, however is needed. I have learned a great deal and expect to learn even more. This is not casual reading, but requires much focus and referencing on the internet. I do, however, sincerely want to learn about the origin

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I got this book from the library first, then made copies of a few chapters, but then had to get the book. It's a little advanced for me, had to read it many times over, but always got something out of it. The reading is very good - it kept my attention. This was one of the first books that got me interested in geology. The more you read it, over & over again, the more you understand. I really like this book.

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