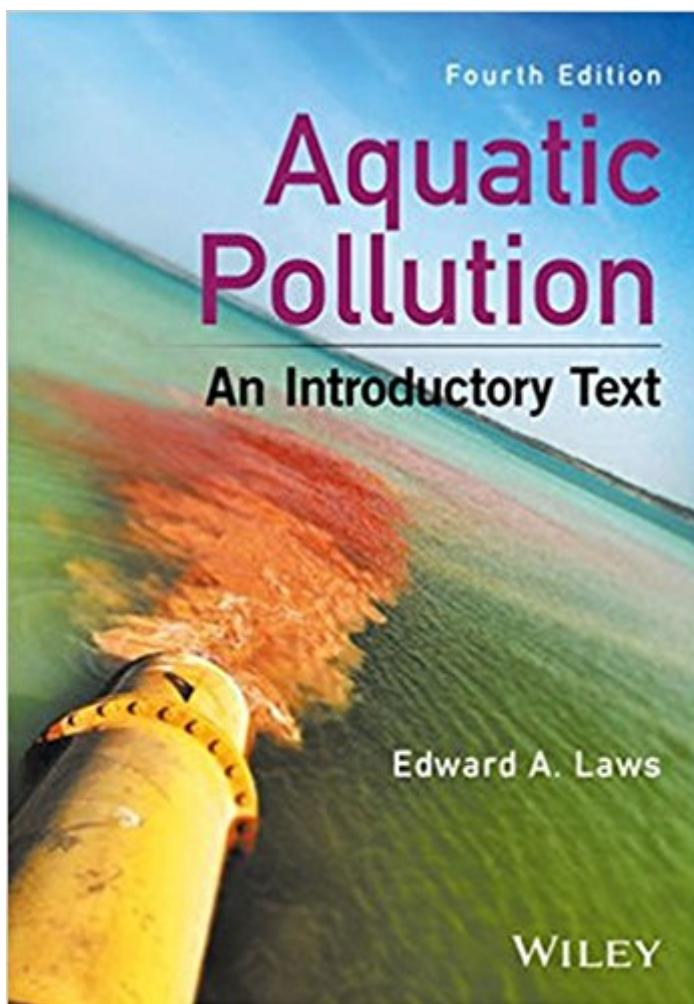


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Nice book with good real life references and leaves very little unexplained.

this is a textbook there is not a whole lot to expect there are no color photos just a lot of reading but this book is well organized so I cant complain.

Very informative book, well organized and presented. Information is supplemented with case studies and examples. Each chapter has an outline at the start and review questions at the end. Separate chapters address many aquatic issues, including thermal pollution, oil, pesticides, acid rain, radioactivity (and more!) Unfortunately, there have been significant aquatic insults since 2000 (when this book was published) that aren't included in this book. And a small quibble - as a mature reader, I just don't remember the font being that tiny in the good old days!

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