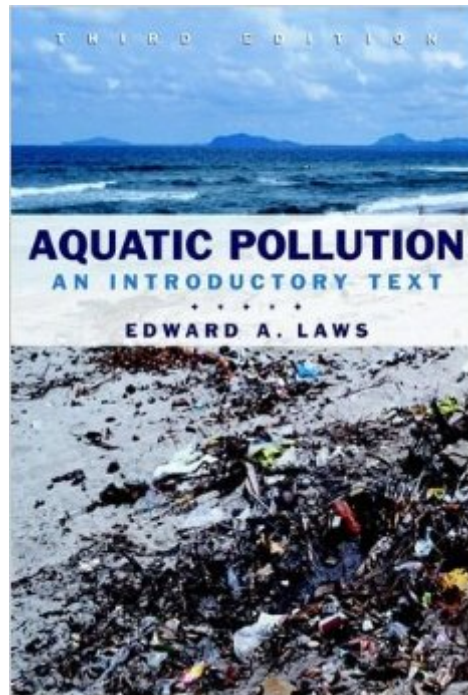


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I used this book for a college course and not only found it easy to read and understand, but also enjoyable. The author's style of writing is unmatched among science textbook writers. The book covers an overview of all relevant issues in aquatic pollution for both marine and freshwater environments. Each topic is covered with enough detail and background information to provide a clear understanding of the problems within the field of aquatic pollution.

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!

I used both editions of Laws's book, Aquatic Pollution, throughout my Master's studies as an introductory text to environmental problems of the hydrosphere. I have found no other book to be equally informative. I recommend it to my undergrad class as a primary reference. The material covered is also suitable for beginning MS students, and the conceptual approach used is quite effective especially for those with no technical science exposure. Easy reading to be supplemented as needed with the more technical books like Stumm and Morgan's Aquatic Chemistry. Very adequate for introductory courses. I'm glad that the 3rd edition is due soon.

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