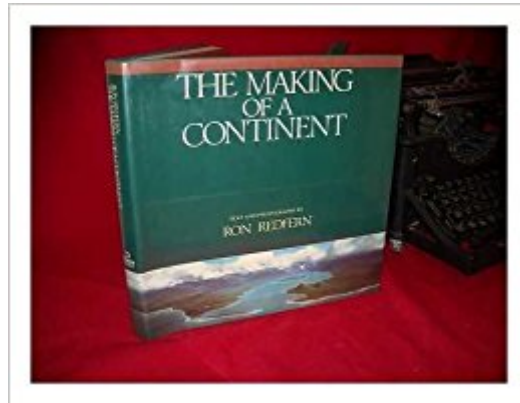


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Redfern, author of *Corridors of Time*, examines the geological history of the North American plate, taking the reader across successive geological provinces (active West to passive East). PW found that this book "has brought plate tectonics within the grasp of the lay reader without oversimplification." Copyright 1986 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Redfern takes the reader on a geographic and geologic tour of North America, with a few side excursions. He explains the current geologic theories of continent formation, elaborating on each major topographic feature. He also describes how the physical environment helped to shape the economic and social history of the region. The text is lavishly illustrated. Indeed, the purchase price is probably justified by the pictures alone. The book reads like a good PBS science series, and in fact is tied in with a series beginning this month. Expect a good deal of public interest. Harold D. Shane, Mathematics Dept., Baruch Coll., CUNY Copyright 1986 Reed Business Information, Inc.

I read this book years ago and then gave it away to a dear friend. I am so pleased to find it again. I could leaf through the book and get the bigger picture from the illustrations and pictures. Now I am reading all the details supplemented by excursions into the internet to widen my understanding of a particular point, which I could not do the first time. Redfern's style is conversational and friendly,

which makes the reading experience very enjoyable and not at all dry in his explanation of the geological processes that formed our planet....I even bought a copy for a friend.

Excellent book. I bought and read an early edition. Anyone concerned about 'Climate Change' should take the time to read this. An education about the development of the Earth over the last 5 billion years and mostly about the changes and causes of our present world from early dinosaurs to 'now.' Bought a new version because my original copy met with a child and a crayon.

Fascinating topic, well illustrated, well written, A great true story!

The book came in fine condition and the cost was extremely reasonable. A hardcover color book of this quality for under \$5 is a bargain.

I had to return this book because the binding was broken so I really cannot attest to any more than that.

Ron Redfern is a superb writer and peerless photo editor. This book is surely the capstone of his career to date. Although the subject matter examined is broad and complicated, the book is very well organized and seamlessly drafted. With the exception of a few typographical errors, the information presented is highly accurate. The genius of the work lies in the fact that, despite having to examine complex problems in geology, the author so deftly explains these matters that the reader is never left confused or at a loss. As to the magnificent color photographs, both large and small, each follows the text closely, and each is accompanied by an explanatory, locational note. The beauty of many of the pictures is breathtaking. Additionally, accompanying diagrams are thoughtful and informative. Redfern's masterpiece covers the history and nature of the North American tectonic plate. It is a virtual textbook of plate tectonics. Discussion is divided into several chapters covering the origin of the plate, its relation to other plates, especially the Baltic and African plates, and then into sections describing each part of the plate. Chapters include as subjects such varied areas as the Mississippi delta, the Canadian Shield, the Colorado Plateau, and the Appalachians. You will be endlessly fascinated by the marvelous photos and detailed text, and it seems something new is learned upon each rereading of the book. The book is small coffee-table in size, and would form a proud display in anyone's home. I cannot recommend this book highly enough for lay persons interested in geology, and the book is highly useful for professional and academics in the field of

geology, as well. If you want to enjoy reading and learning about the forces that make our marvelous planet operate, this is the book to get. Have fun!

This is a fabulous book describing how the continents were formed. I am a salesperson with no scientific background and I loved Ron Redfern's descriptions, pictures and especially graphics and timelines. I understood it. Wonderful. I wish he had written another.

Couldn't put it down. Liked the logical progression and the variety of information. I didn't know how scattered the bits of continents are! Fascinating.

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