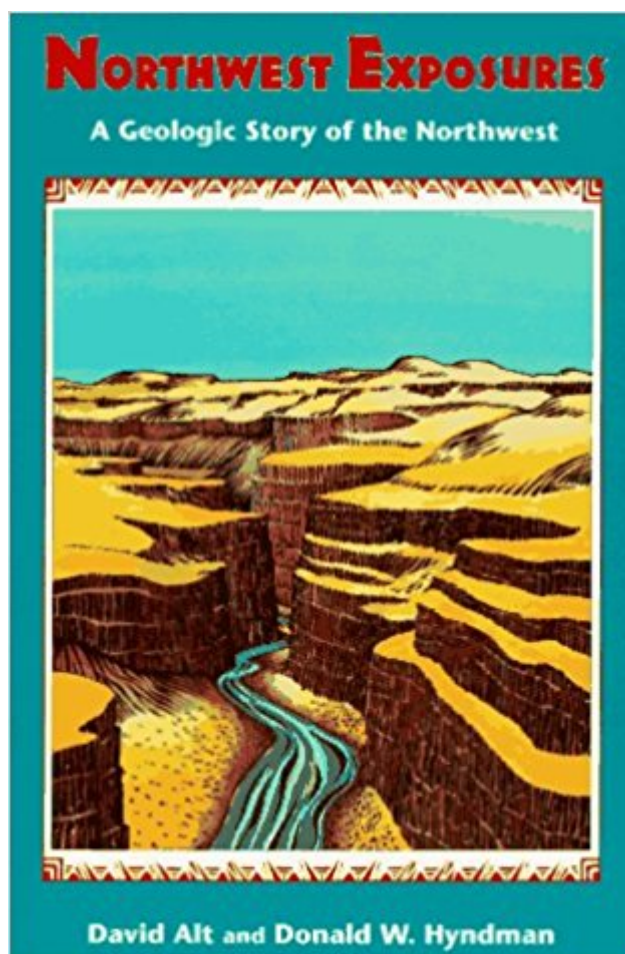


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The Pacific Northwest is an assemblage of odds and ends of geologic history presenting many mysteries. This book attempts to make sense of the complex formation of the most geologically interesting puzzle in North America. From the earliest backbone of the continent each puzzle piece is discussed and moved into place as it accretes. In my explorations I had become convinced that the Siskyou-Klamath complex had once been an island. Here I find out how it came to be. It helped me discover the landlocked island chain underneath me. Not overwhelmingly technical, and full of good illustrations.

Good condition and I love Oregon, so knowing more about its history is a no brainer in my book. It makes me want to travel more, actually.

For those of us who look at landscape and wonder about the forces that shape it, this is a wonderful book. The writing style is very casual and engaging. I accept that there is much assumed in assembling the "story" of the evolution of the NW landscape, since no one was there when it happened. But, it makes a wonderful story even if some of it be myth. Humans have had their creation stories through the ages. This book incorporates the science that we understand at this point in time into a more informed version of NW creation. Much more believable than Genesis. A delightful book, that I have read many times.

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