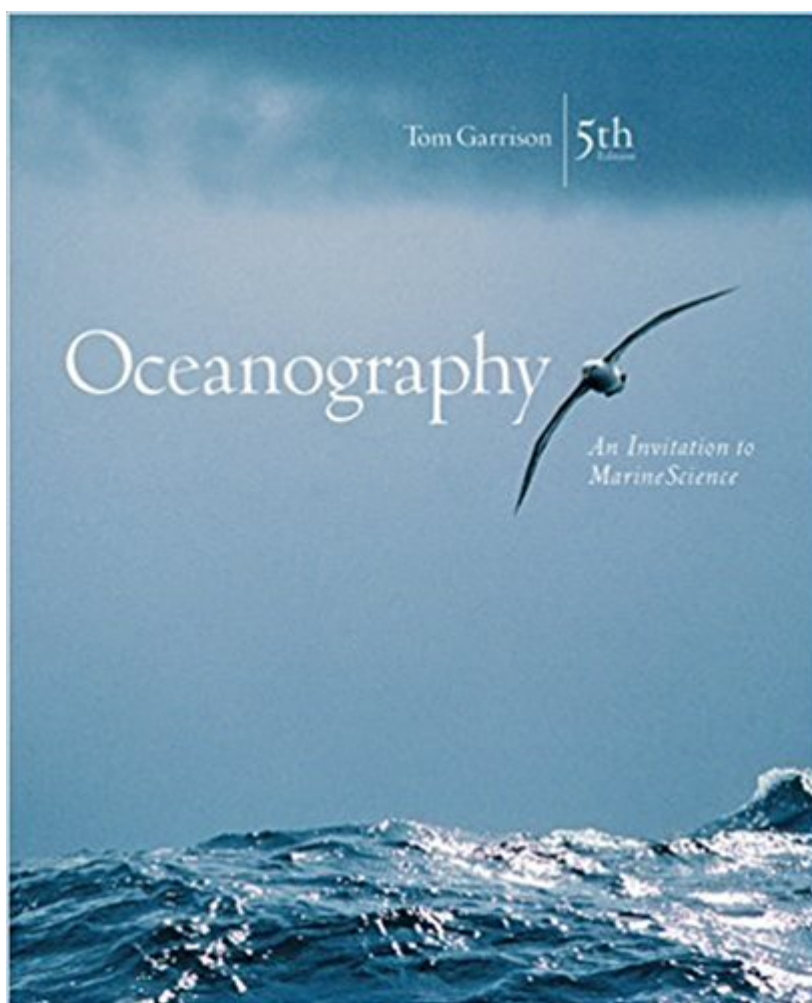


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# Oceanography: An Invitation To Marine Science (with OceanographyNow, InfoTrac)



## Synopsis

This Fifth Edition of OCEANOGRAPHY conveys Garrison's enthusiasm for oceanography to non-science students and concentrates on maximizing student learning. Garrison brings focus and excitement to students' natural appreciation of the complexities of the ocean with integrated technology and a stunning visual program. Drawing on his more than thirty years of teaching experience, Garrison is intent on writing for how students learn best: he is the only oceanography author to consistently consult students about each new edition and incorporate their suggestions, creating a dynamic, current student focus. He provides students with a basic understanding of the scientific questions, complexities, and uncertainties involved in ocean use and the role and importance of the ocean in nurturing and sustaining life on the planet. Also, with a feel for students' excitement at discovering connections, Garrison increases the emphasis in this edition on the interdisciplinary nature of marine science, stressing its links to biology, chemistry, geology, physics, meteorology, astronomy, ecology, history, and economics. To further enrich the student experience, this edition is now fully integrated, on a concept level and with book-specific interactivities, with a FREE brand-new, student tutorial system called OceanographyNow. OceanographyNow is Web-based, assessment-driven, and completely flexible, offering a personalized learning plan based on each student's quiz results to help students focus on the concepts they don't yet understand. Enhanced illustrations, seamless integration of online resources, and a rich suite of student resources (with an optional regional emphasis) complete the Garrison learning experience. "This text is a must for any student searching for a detailed, yet easy to understand introduction to science." - Tanya Johnson, President of Associated Students at Skyline College, on Garrison's OCEANOGRAPHY.

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Tom Garrison (Ph.D., University of Southern California) is emeritus professor of Marine Science at Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa, California, one of the largest undergraduate marine science departments in the United States. Dr. Garrison also holds an adjunct professorship at the University of Southern California. He has been named the country's Outstanding Marine Educator by the National Marine Technology Society, is a member of the COSEE staff, writes a regular column for the journal *Oceanography*, and was a winner of the prestigious Salgo-Noren Foundation Award for Excellence in College Teaching as well as the University of Texas NISOD award for academic leadership. Dr. Garrison was an Emmy Award team participant as writer and science advisor for the PBS syndicated *Oceanus* television series, and writer and science advisor for *The Endless Voyage*, a set of television programs in oceanography completed in 2003. He serves as a grants judge for the National Science Foundation in Washington, D.C. His widely used textbooks in oceanography

and marine science have been the college market's best sellers for more than a decade. In 2009, the faculty of Orange Coast College selected Dr. Garrison as the institution's first Distinguished Professor, and The Association of Community College Trustees selected Dr. Garrison to win the United States and Canada's Pacific Region Award as top community college professor in 2010.

It is a spectacular resource for the study of oceanography, clearly explained and illustrated. It has the information and references necessary to understand and learn. It arouses the interest to continue investigating and exploring the ocean.

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