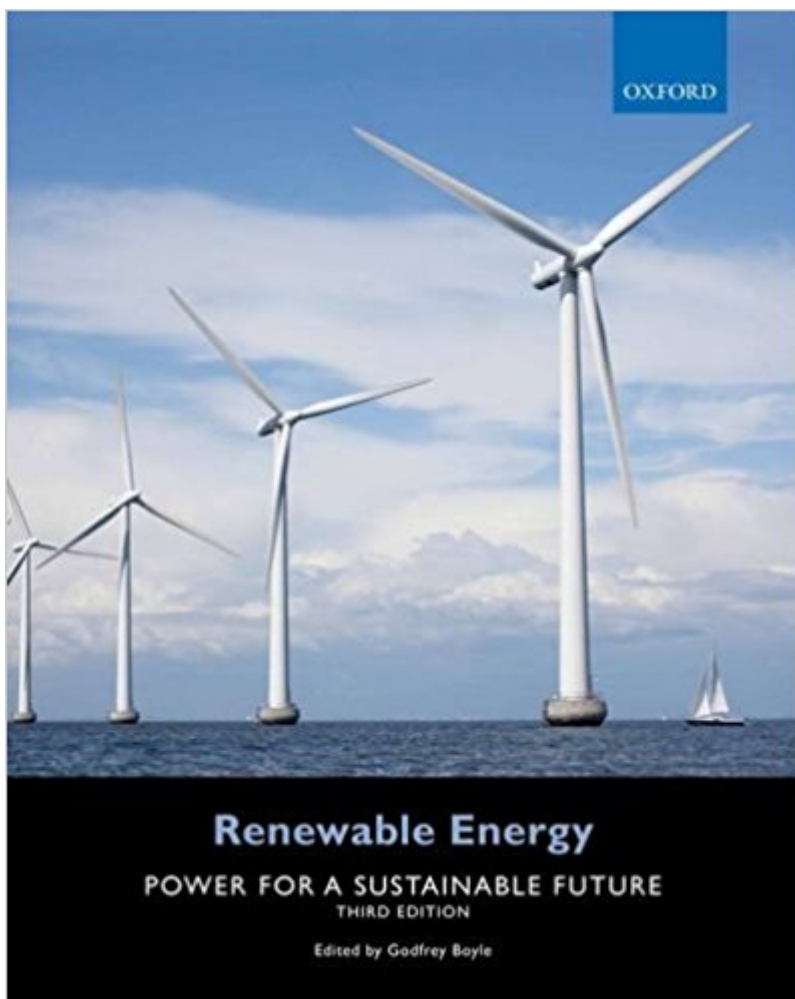


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Excellent book. While reads like a textbook, the information is accurate, up to date, and complete. Lots of illustrations and diagrams to make the material easier to understand. Moderate understanding of math needed to do the calculations, but if all you're looking for is a review of alternative energy and its place in the world, this will be great for you. My professor used this book as a textbook for our Renewable Energy in the Pacific Northwest class. I won't be returning it.

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