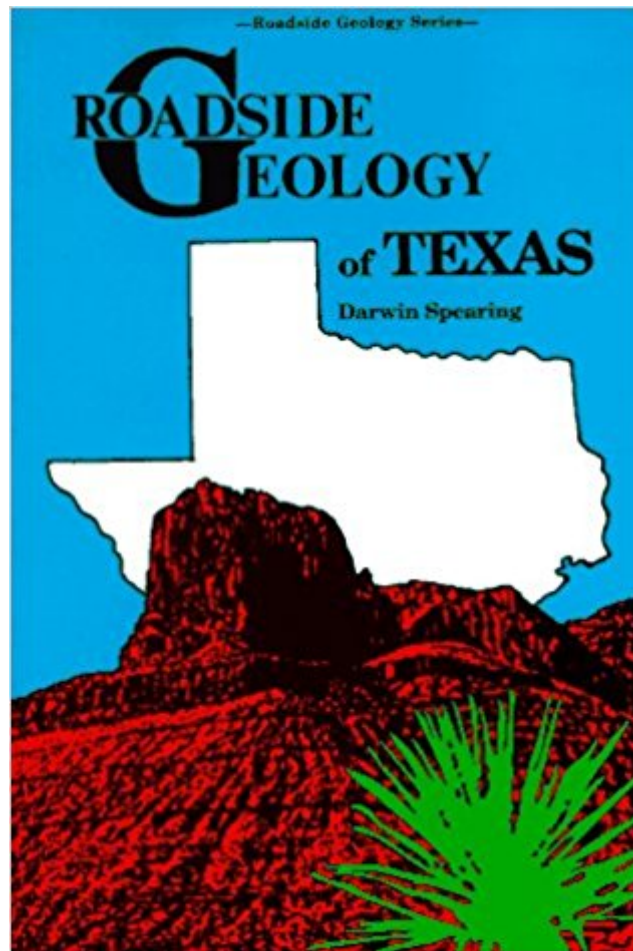




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The book explains in non-technical language how geologic processes shaped the landscapes we see as we drive along Texas's primary highways." --Texas Highways

I've used them for years to plan drives and interesting detours in places that I spend enough time in to explore. In this case, new construction was opening a deep excavation through what I suspected was the Duck Creek formation. Putting Roadside Geology and the current tech of online state geo topo surveys to work, I convinced myself that it was worth asking permission to explore the excavation. It was in fact the Duck Creek upper and middle complex. To the fossil hunter, these Cretaceous limestone layers are the giant ammonite graveyard. I was not disappointed.

I grew up in Texas and have driven most of the roads described in this book. As a native Houstonian, I can't say much for the geology of the region (1000 feet of gumbo clay) - but Spearing

makes even that interesting. This book is valuable on three levels. First, it is organized by roadway...so if you are driving from, as an example, El Paso to Corpus by way of San Antonio, you'll know what to look for. Second, each description of a geologic feature is accompanied by drawings/diagrams that explain how the feature came into existence. Finally, the book includes a number of "gee whiz" factoids...such as the Gulf Coast's status as the third largest aquifer in the US, which bring the region to life. After reading this book, you'll have a feel for how a large portion of geological processes work...and you'll see landscapes in a new way.

Part of a series of roadside geology books these give you a great overview of what you are passing on the road. Updated a few years ago.

Great review guide series for a retired geologist traveling across a state

This interesting book answers many questions and also has great photographs. I enjoy the layout. It makes using the text as a reference book very easy. It will certainly travel across Texas with us.

Good book on the diverse geology of Texas organized by region. Text is clear and illustrations are good. My only criticism is not using the road mileages or mileposts to describe where the features are located. However, good photos and illustrations help finding the specific outcrops or features described.

I got this for my fiancé who is a geology major at LSU and we are from Texas. He loves it! He said their diagrams are a little different from what he is used to though.

Although the description of rock formations is good, high resolution photos would make it better. Maybe a color index perhaps.

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