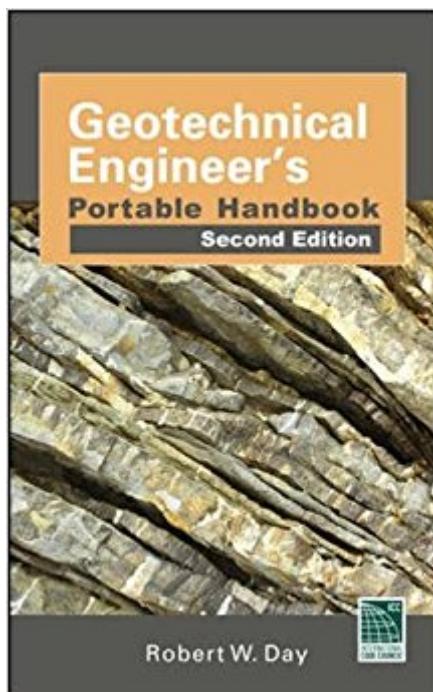


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and several books, including two editions of Foundation Engineering Handbook and two editions of Forensic Geotechnical and Foundation Engineering.

I bought this last minute as an additional reference for the Civil Geotechnical PE exam. I don't typically perform geotechnical type work in my field and admittedly I didn't read the book thoroughly before the test. I did pass the PE exam and felt this book was a big part of it. Without divulging the nature of the exam questions I will say this book had very useful information in responding to many of the qualitative questions for which normal graduate level textbooks and review materials had nothing. I firmly believe I answered a number of the afternoon questions correctly due to this book. With so much information (and I mean this book talks about everything) this book is definitely a keeper even after the exam and it sits proudly on my cubicle bookcase next to my Engineering Licensure certificate.

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Bought this for the Geotechnical PE, so happy I did, it has a good glossary and appendix, if you have time, buy early there are tons of problems, but don't hesitate to buy late

Fit the bill and assisted in taking the PE. I am not a geotech and the format of the book seems dated and possibly foreign. Worth having at the PE exam.

This book is loaded with information. No Geotechnical engineer should be without it.

It appears to be a fairly comprehensive book. The only reason I'm rating it three stars is that the font in the paper format is tiny. I have trouble reading it even with my readers. I find the figures are even more difficult to see. I would also note that this is a fairly thick volume, which speaks to its contents, but as such is not something that I'd keep in my briefcase on a daily basis.

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