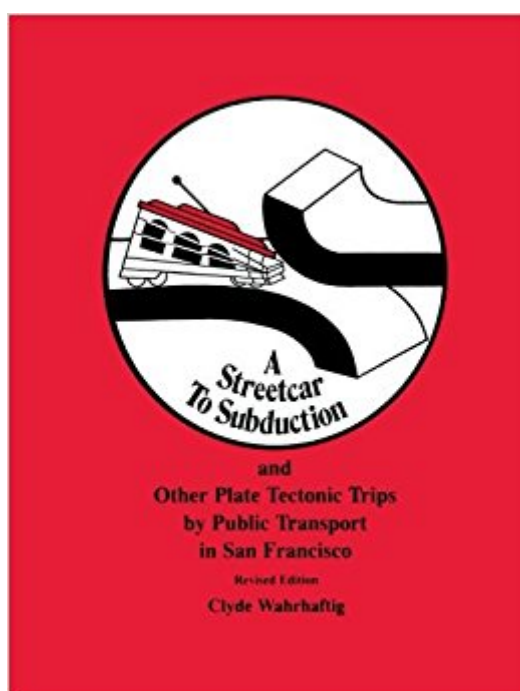


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Published by the American Geophysical Union as part of the Special Publications Series. It is hard to be unaware of the earth in San Francisco. Built on rocky hills, the city is surrounded on three sides by bay and ocean that can be seen from nearly everywhere within it. Precipitous cliffs face the city from across the Golden Gate, and the skyline to the north, east, and south is dominated by mountains. Occasional tremors from the San Andreas and related faults nearby remind us that the earth here is active. Until recently the rocks so abundantly exposed in San Francisco baffled geologists. Jumbled together without apparent order and lacking visible fossils, they defied explanation. The theory of plate tectonics has changed all that. We now have an explanation for the origin of the rocks of San Francisco, although it is anything but simple.

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I am all in favor of popularized explanations of scientific subjects, like geology, so laypersons can understand. This revised edition of the 1979 paper was distributed to attendees of a San Francisco meeting of the American Geophysical Union by the author. The title is "popular and catchy". It made me pick up a book on what most of us call the study of rocks. The author organizes his book around 7 SF public streetcar rides. I am going to visit San Francisco again this month, and I am eager to try to use the same streetcar numbered routes to see if they have changed since 1978. However, this is a technical paper addressed to scientists, and the most authoritative. I was referred to this

publication in Gary Mamiya's "Cool Gray City of Love" which I have also reviewed here at . I will include a Permalink to that review below. Mamiya's describes Clyde Wahrhaftig as not owning a car - ever! Wahrhaftig also took under his wing a student, Doris Sloan, reluctantly because as Mamiya's describes he did not like the idea of women geologists. Doris went on to become locally famous through her publication "Geology of the San Francisco Bay Region" (California Natural History Guides) Paperback June 27, 2006. Here is the link to Gary Mamiya's book: https://www..com/review/R4O6Y0JY24B0F/ref=cm_cr_rdp_perm.

A very fun way to look at my favorite city. I can't wait to take some of the walks next time I'm there.

Great concept for a book

This is the best book dealing with SF geology that I ever found: easy, light and complete, says things more useful than the most celebrated books dealing with bay area geology say

A simple pamphlet holds more insight than most text books!

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