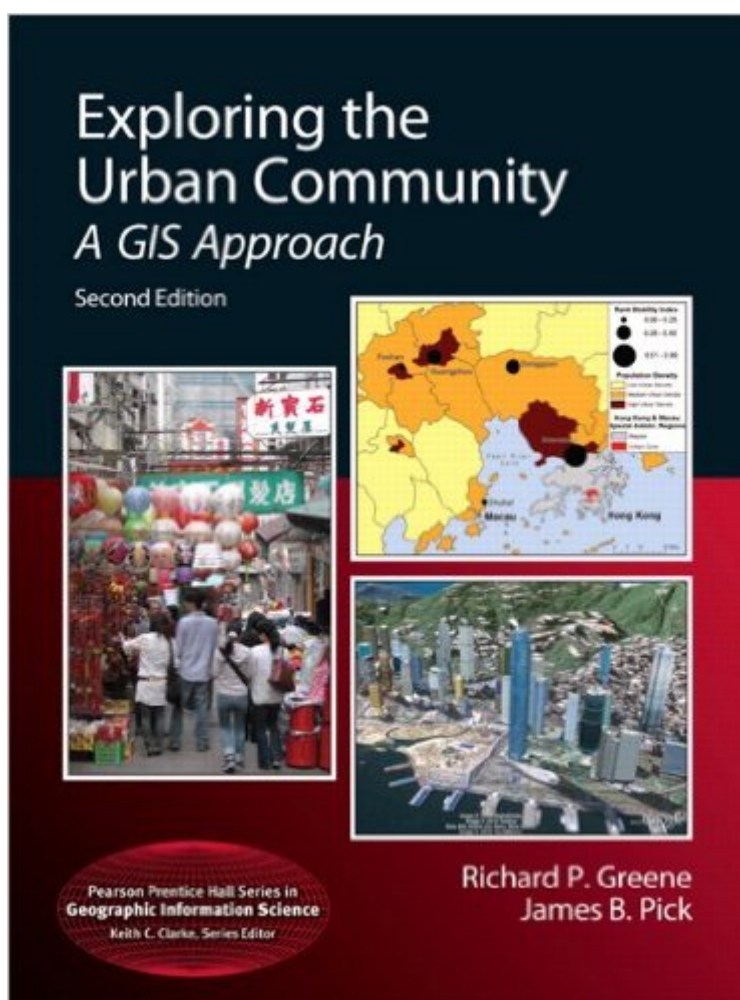


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Customer Reviews

I teach several GIS courses and use this book for one of them. Usually I have my students purchase the physical text but recently more and more students are acquiring the Kindle version. I suppose it's valuable to state that the course I use this text for is taught online. Thus, students can't necessarily drop into the campus book store and buy the text which is why they turn to . Each chapter establishes a practical example of how desktop GIS analysis can be implemented. In particular, the scenarios often focus on principals of Urban Planning but also deal with environmental health, migration, population change, etc. Each chapter concludes with two exercises

based on the readings. One is a Google Earth method and the other is ArcGIS by ESRI. The two separate exercises mirror each other and while both are enlightening I usually just have my students complete the ArcGIS version. The 1st edition only included the ArcGIS version and the second edition is fairly close to the 1st edition but some of the chapters have been rearranged. Data for the exercises is included in the hardcover edition. In the 1st edition, a disk was included containing the exercise data. In the 2nd edition, the publisher includes a unique scratch-off license key. Students will need to follow the instructions on the removable card containing the key, create an account on the publisher's website and download zipped files containing the exercise data. Something to note about the 2nd edition is that the publisher also included the accompanying instructor's lecture slides in the zip files (arranged by chapter). My concern with the Kindle edition is that students are now telling me they can't find the access code for the exercise data.

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