Conceptual Physical Science (5th Edition)
Synopsis
Conceptual Physical Science, Fifth Edition, takes learning physical science to a new level by combining Hewitt's leading conceptual approach with a friendly writing style, strong integration of the sciences, more quantitative coverage, and a wealth of media resources to help professors in class, and students out of class. It provides a conceptual overview of basic, essential topics in physics, chemistry, earth science, and astronomy with optional quantitative coverage.

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Customer Reviews
This book was great, and really helpful! I am more of an English and History course kind of girl, and science is usually something I really have to make myself focus on. However this book kept me interested and explained the material in a clear concise way. I never felt that I had to slog through massive amounts of information in order to get to "main idea". I used this book for an online class last semester and it was instrumental in helping me teach myself the material. Definitely one of my favorite science textbooks so far. A word of advice, it really helps to buy the access to the online website. I would study for my tests by reading the chapter and watching the videos. I got an A in the class thanks to this book!

This book is very easy to understand. It maintains interest with contemporary graphics. There are many caption boxes in the margin. At the end of each chapter there is a chapter summary, a list of
important terms and many, many exercises to help you learn the material. The downfall with the exercises is that they do not have the answers. There are also many additional study tools available on the books companion website. I needed this book for a college class. I'd also recommend the seller I purchased from. Very, very nice!

Don't judge this book by its cover. It seems pretty old, but it's actually a pretty useful book. Contains a lot of information in a very easy to understand format. If your looking for a basic understanding of physics and the basics of science in general, this is the book for you. I would highly recommend this book for any intro science/physics class.

As a post-secondary instructor, I find this text presents a subject many students find difficult in a non-intimidating fashion. The prologue does a fine job setting up the tone of the rest of the book without scaring or boring the student. A sufficient amount of text is dedicated to the concepts of physical science rather than bombarding the learner with equation after equation (although the equations are there, as they're necessary to back up the concepts). Some textbooks help to make teaching easier. This would be one of those books.

The part I enjoyed was finding out why things happen in nature and why things go together. For example, did you know that your body travels at the same speed as the vehicle your are riding in(literally). When the vehicle is traveling at 70mph and you decide to slow down your body is still moving at , 70 miles pre hour. This explain why we lurk back and forth when we come to a complete stop on a bus,car train etc. This is great stuff. It also explains the laws of physical science. Examples; Hypotheses- is make an educated guess based on experienceLaw- is when something has been tested over and over and no contradiction is being made it becomes a law.Fact - is observation about the phenomenon means (to show)Theory- is information that has been well testedThese are just a few things you will learn from the text book in lure of some of the other things.I won't lie it has other things in here that maybe complex, I wish I had an example. Here are some more examples of things that are in this text book also LIKE If 1 ft=12inches what is 16.0inches? You would multiply 12x16.0 ,but make sure your decimal is in the correct place or it's going to be wrong. 192 0r 19.2Oh, let me not forget how the book came , in great condition. Fast shipping along with a great price tag for rental.

I used this book for one of my science classes in college and it was very easy to read, and it was
also engaging. I’m not very good in science, but this book made the topics simple enough to understand.

Hard to believe this book was used for college, considering the font, and nature of its writing. Still, the book is easy to understand, is filled with pictures and charts, and gets the point across. It seems to be have been written for high schoolers, but that certainly isn’t a problem for a college introductory course. I find that sometimes these type of books are more fitting for a difficult subject matter. Great for understanding the overview and basics of topics. Recommended.

I bought this book to help study for the Science CSET tests. It has been very useful. Well written, easy to understand, good graphics. There are online tutorials associated with the content of this book; unfortunately, the content seems to be unavailable for this particular edition. Add'l online content seems to be available for 4 ed and 2 ed. If add'l content is important, perhaps a newer edition would be more beneficial.

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