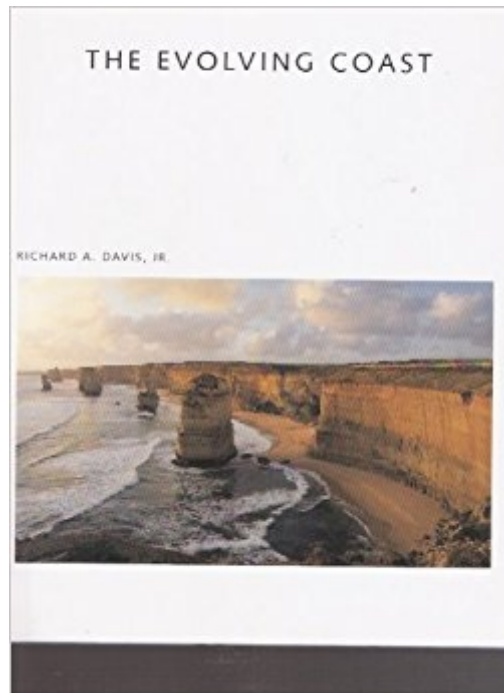




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My son, 14, is learning about estuaries and has found this book to be one of the more helpful ones he's read.

This was a textbook used in an oceanography class. What I enjoyed most is how the text bridged the scientific terminology and concepts into everyday understanding. This meant more to me as I lived in a maritime community. Very cool learning about my local environment so neatly. Any chance of this becoming a Kindle version?

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