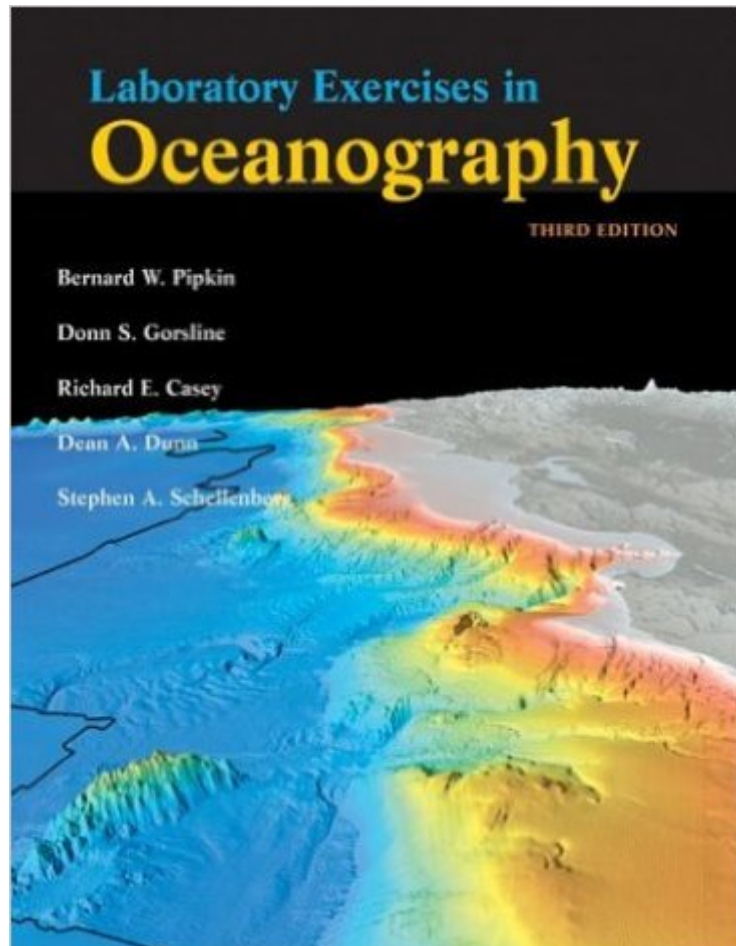


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# Laboratory Exercises In Oceanography



## Synopsis

This is the current edition of the lab manual used by tens of thousands of students over the past two decades. As always, the manual includes exercises for the major disciplines within oceanography (biology, chemistry, geology, and physics) and incorporates real data from actual experiments. The new edition adds four new labs, thorough updating throughout, new objectives sections, and an 8-page color insert.

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As an oceanography professor I have used this book in the past and unfortunately use it to this day (at least until I develop my own lab book) and it is honestly the best of a bad crop of oceanography lab books. Of all the lab manuals I have looked at, they fall into two categories: too simple or too complex. This one falls into the latter category. Fortunately, there are enough labs that if you skip some labs and a few specific questions I would consider this manual "usable", not great not even good but "usable". If your professor requires this book, get it and photocopy the relevant pages to turn in and then sell the book as complete. You'll get more money back.

This book frustrated my online college Oceanography Lab course experience. Made originally in 1977 and last print from 2001, I felt like the labs were not made to be intuitive for the modern student and online learning environment. There needs to be plenty of supplemental help from the teacher which made my online experience HORRIBLE!!! To clarify, the content was very clear and concise between the chapters. However, the assignments seemed complex for non-science majors

with little or no experience in the Oceanography field. For instance, the very first lab included mapping ocean floor depth charts. Very simple in theory and I understood the language and terminology, but the first chart that we graphed was an official ocean chart from NOAA with literally hundreds of numbers in a complex sequence. Could you imagine taking one 30 minute lesson in baseball and then being thrown in the Majors? A more modern lab built for independent studies might have started with a small lake to better illustrate and confirm the concepts before such an undertaking would be expected. This is why I feel that live teacher support is needed to bridge the gap for this lab manual. I was not the only one that had trouble with the course online and our teacher confessed the school may not offer this particular lab online again until better material is available.

Too bad my Oceanography professor never used any of it, no marks in it, came clean, but for some reason, some of the questions were labelled differently than the rest of my classmates, and in my version there were actually a few more questions than everyone else's, weird since they all had the same book code number.

This book never should have been in the system for sale, as it is missing all of the exercises required for the course. If I could rate a Zero, I would. I am HIGHLY disappointed that it was ever in the system, and it is making me thoroughly rethink purchasing used books again.

This is a laboratory book that I purchased along with an intro to oceanography book, though my professor forced us to purchase this lab book it was in vane since the professor gave us handouts of every single lab that we did. I NEVER used this lab book and it was a waste of money to purchase since the resell value was very low, especially for the lab book being untouched. I received about 20% of the total that I had originally spent on this lab book though it is brand new. I do recommend speaking to your professor prior to purchasing this lab book, if they are going to give you the lab exercises as handouts, do not bother purchasing this text. You will save yourself about \$100 and regret when you find out you will never even need to open this lab book.

The only reason I got this in all honesty was for my class in Oceanography lab. But the exercises in the book seem to assume that the reader knows more than what the book tells them. Usually a book like this has the answers in the section you read before the exercise, here, that's not the case. You have to find the answers elsewhere. Or make them up and pray the teacher doesn't read it.

It was a requirement for my class the book is OK it is really not that helpful I try to answer questions with this book but I don't recommend unless you really need it.

I was happy when I got it, though it came late it was what I needed which is fine. I was able to get straight to work and catch up quickly

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