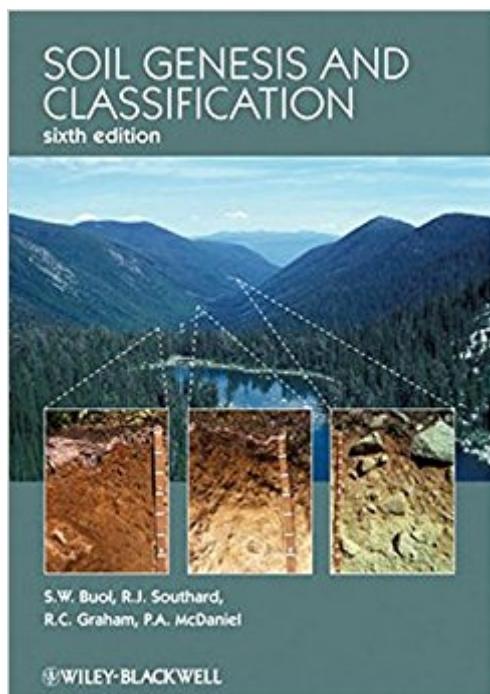


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Soils are natural bodies wherein inorganic components derived from geologic materials combine with organic materials produced by biological activity in ecosystems. The nearly infinite combinations of geologic materials and biological diversity of life on earth have produced a staggering array of chemical, physical, and biological reactions that over time have created the soils that we observe today. In the United States more than 23,000 kinds of soil are formally identified, and the number of soils in the world is not known. Soil Genesis and Classification, Sixth Edition

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Overall an excellent text. The next edition would be greatly improved by addition of more figures and photos-- however, it is the concise nature of this book that makes it so convenient. This is the first book I loan out to fellow scientists when they have soils-related questions.

Es un buen tratado de pedología.

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