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A clear picture of the consequential role of the hydrosphere in such phenomena as climate and erosion is put forth. The geologic behavior of water is related to its extraordinary properties: its existence in nature in the gaseous, liquid, and solid states; and its ability to dissolve most substances on the surface of the earth to at least a limited degree.

The author apparently seeks his principal audience in the lay reader. Although the volume abounds in diagrams and pictures, there is a paucity of tables and equations which would have allowed the author to present his arguments more succinctly. Again, some of the illustrations, taken directly from scientific publications, contain notations that are not explained in the text. There are also many inconsistencies in the use of units; for example, salinities are designated as both parts per thousand and parts per hundred in diagrams on the same page (p. 67). Nonetheless, the author is successful in presenting a vigorous and lively history of the travels of water.

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