After reading these two volumes, I had mixed emotions. On the positive side, the contributions are well written and the volumes should be very valuable as basic source books. On the negative side, the volumes lack balance and they do not live up to the expectations raised by the general title. One would have hoped especially that more attention might be given to some of the newer data on continental margins and to the results of the Deep Sea Drilling Project. If the time constants on the remaining five volumes in the series are long, there may be a serious imbalance with these first two, since things are moving very fast now in the continental margin area.

Finally, if the subsequent volumes are priced as high as the first two the complete set will cost over \$250, clearly out of reach of most individuals in the academic community. This is a pity, since the volumes do promise to contain much valuable material that should be at the fingertips of anyone interested in continental margins and geodynamics

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