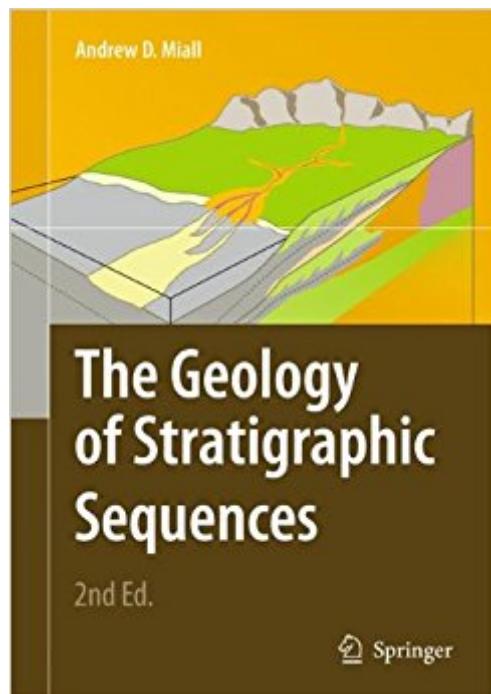


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# The Geology Of Stratigraphic Sequences



## Synopsis

It has been more than a decade since the appearance of the First Edition of this book. Much progress has been made, but some controversies remain. The original ideas of Sloss and of Vail (building on the early work of Blackwelder, Grabau, Ulrich, Levorsen and others) that the stratigraphic record could be subdivided into sequences, and that these sequences store essential information about basin-forming and subsidence processes, remains as powerful an idea as when it was first formulated. The definition and mapping of sequences has become a standard part of the basin analysis process. The main purpose of this book remains the same as it was for the first edition, that is, to situate sequences within the broader context of geological processes, and to answer the question: why do sequences form? Geoscientists might thereby be better equipped to extract the maximum information from the record of sequences in a given basin or region. Tectonic, climatic and other mechanisms are the generating mechanisms for sequences ranging over a wide range of times scales, from hundreds of millions of years to the high-frequency sequences formed by cyclic processes lasting a few tens of thousands of years

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Great resource

one of the best treatments of the modern approach to Sequence Stratigraphy

Miall provides a distinctive, encompassing, geologic review of the most widely stratigraphic technique used in basin analysis over the last 25 years. A familiarity with the subject and/or a strong background in geology is recommended prior to purchasing this book (for sequence geology; check out Coe, Catuneanu, or Haq). Miall provides a wealth of information and a writing style that is engaging and lucid. A very comprehensive outline of the geology that defines stratigraphic sequences and the tools used to make valued, interpretive, and analytic sense of the geologic processes which produced the sequences.

This text, combined with the work by Vail et al. (AAPG, Memoir 26) and Haq et al. (Science, v235, pp 1156-1167) form the foundation for sequence stratigraphic analysis. Miall is a skeptic of most far-reaching sequence stratigraphic interpretations, but this book is modern (1997) and provides a balanced treatment of the topic. While certainly not the only source for the study of sequence

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