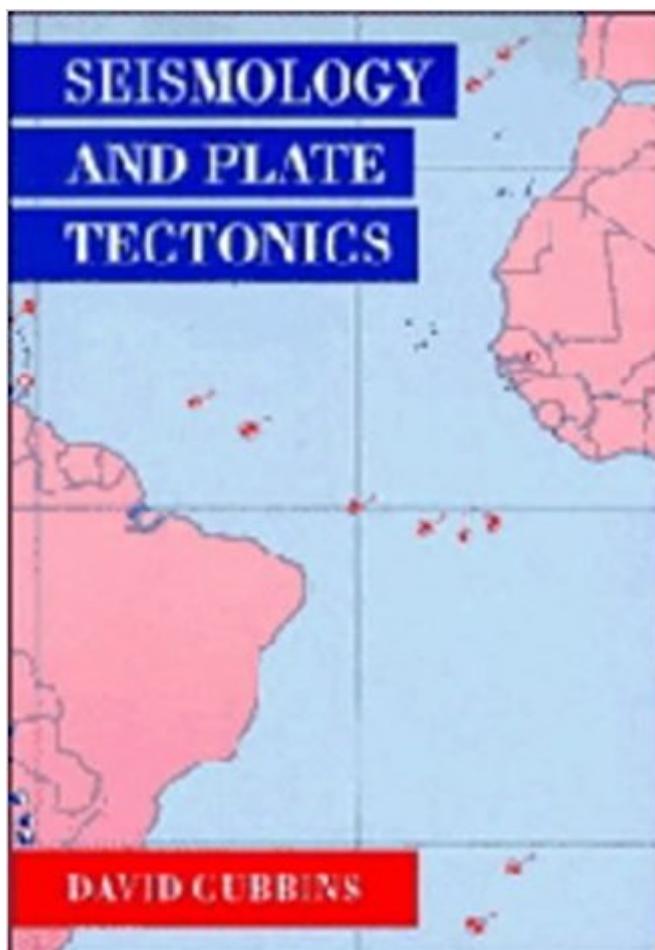


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This introduction to seismological theory and the principles of plate tectonics also develops a practical approach to the interpretation of seismograms for physicists and mathematicians as well as geologists.

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