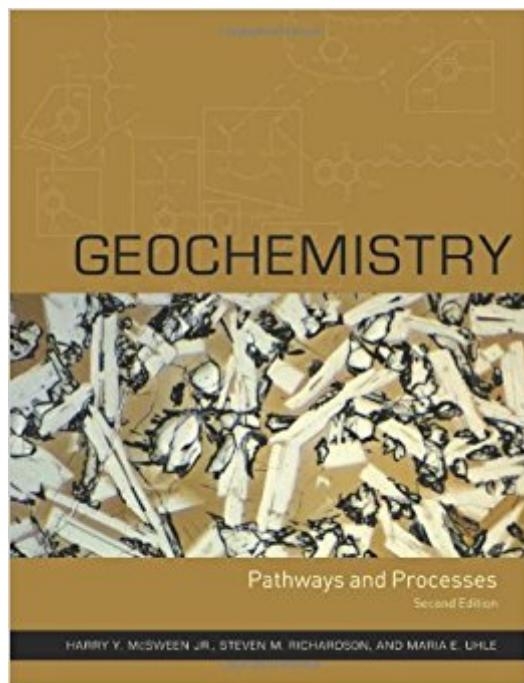


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This book is a complete review of Geochemical pathways. The book is well organized and full of examples that you can review. Unfortunately some questions do not have answers in the book, so it's better to review the full solved examples on each chapter. I recommend this book extensively, because is part of the bibliography that was reviewed in my Geochemistry class during my time at the University.

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