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9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Dr. V. D. Lerch, ArboristBy Virginia D. LerchAdded this one to my shelf! While I have basic soil textbooks such as the classic by Brady and Weil (The Nature Properties of Soils), this

book covers the basics very clearly and has excellent visuals! Further, it deals with the specifics of growing plants/trees especially in urban soils. The review questions at the end of each chapter not only help to focus attention on the main points, but are also an excellent guide for any professional-in-training who will be taking a certification exam such as the Certified Arborist Exam or Certified Horticulturist. I highly recommend it to anyone interested in learning about the basics of growing plants in productive garden soils and in learning how to care for the soil-web-of-life!

Written in a clear, accessible style, this book covers the fundamental aspects of soil science with an emphasis on topics useful to landscape architects and professionals in related fields. The book begins with a discussion of soil surveys developed in different countries, followed by a concise description of soil components and how the interactions between air, water, and nutrients affect plant growth. It examines methods for controlling erosion, particularly in light of modern irrigation techniques. It describes the chemistry of plant growth, devotes four chapters to macro- and micro-nutrients, and features a detailed discussion of ways to diagnose and correct plant disorders. It also looks at the engineering aspects of soils and includes a detailed list of references for further information. Written by an experienced teacher with an extensive background in landscape architecture, this volume will be an invaluable source for students and researchers in architecture, horticulture, and urban planning.

About the Author Robert Keefer is an Emeritus Professor from West Virginia University who has taught soil science and landscape architecture for over 30 years.