

ment or turbulence that are propagating onto a straight coastline without objects. Perhaps one reason tsunami theory has not advanced further is the present emphasis on numerical models that—even with highly simplified dynamics—can be made to match the sparse field observations from real tsunami events. Still, there is a need for better understanding of more complete tsunami dynamics. Nonlinear wave theory can play a role in this, as well as in helping to improve numerical models and therefore the predictions made from them. Perhaps this volume will stimulate progress in that direction.

In terms of presentation, the book is well organized, and the text and equations are clear. Unfortunately, many figures are small and of marginal quality. The reader is referred to Web sites to view the color versions of figures

that are black-and-white in the book in order to fully understand the interpretation in the text. The URLs for such Web sites can be ephemeral. However, these figures are not often critical to the main themes in the volume, and the reader can always look at papers from which the figures were taken to explore the examples more fully.

The book would make a worthwhile addition to a research library used by tsunami scientists and students interested in its specific topics.

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