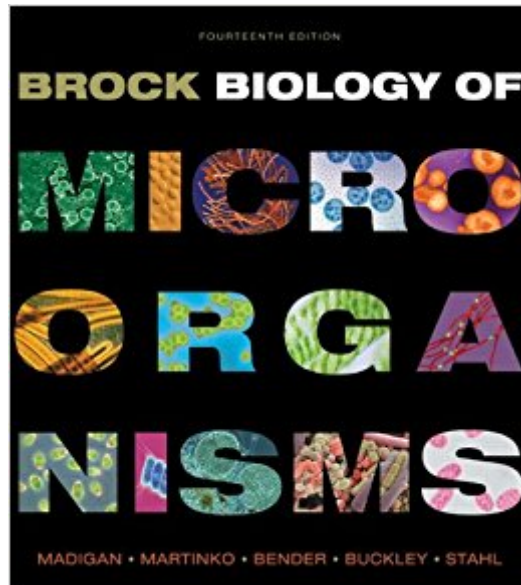


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The first thing I like about the text is that it has a lot of chapters devoted to microbes before getting to the medical microbiology parts. I have one other microbiology text and it basically pays lip service to microbes across a few chapters and then spends the rest of the book talking about what diseases various microbes produce. There is nothing wrong with that if you are interested primarily in the medical aspects of microbiology, but what if you are interested in microbiology for the sake of microbiology itself? You get shortchanged. But this text has chapter after chapter covering microbes, in detail, before getting into the chapters devoted to medical implications. The second thing I like about the text is that I keep finding interesting tidbits of information: things you don't usually get from reading molecular cell biology texts and other biology texts. Things such as, the largest individuals of the bacterial species *Thiomargarita namibiensis* have a diameter of about 750 micrometers, making it about 5 times the size of a typical paramecium; Archaea do not have fatty acids in the membrane lipids; some Archaea have a monolayer instead of a phospholipid bilayer; many Archaeal lipids contain rings in the hydrocarbon chains; some prokaryotes have membrane-bounded (but monolayer) inclusions such as magnetosomes, PHAs, and sulfur granules; heterocystous cyanobacteria have a differentiated cell called a heterocyst where nitrogenase is protected from oxygen; some plasmids are linear; even though *E. coli* can double in population size in 20 minutes it takes 40 minutes to replicate the chromosome; and so on.

If you need this book for class I highly suggest getting or renting it. Not always an advocate for buying books if you don't have to, but the section reviews and summaries are extremely helpful for exams and explaining concepts. There are also practice questions that guide you in the directions of the topics you should have understood in the book.

I'm just amazed, this textbook is so easy to read, very interesting, and just outstanding. Highly

recommend this if you are a microbio major or are interested in biology on a deeper level.

it is what they say it is. the chapters are long, there's a ton of information, it was in perfect condition. If your professor uses this text, you're in for a ride!!

A must have for any future researcher!

A bit dull, but it was very informative and had a lot of helpful facts for my class

No complaints! I bought a binder to put the pages in and that's it! Trustworthy seller.

I found this book to be very difficult to read. The material was not the difficult part, it was the wording and layout of the book that made it a struggle to read. To me, it seemed the book jumped from point to point then back to the original point continuously. I had a very poor quality professor for my Microbiology class, so I was forced to rely on this textbook heavily to pass the class. I feel like the editor or someone else came along and rearranged some sections of this textbook and made it extremely difficult to follow along. Examples are poor in many cases, or only cover one process out of several complex processes. Also, in the writing they try to include examples after, what feels like, every other sentence. Including so many examples would be fine, but it feels like a majority of the text is specific one case scenarios that just add to the confusion. I would not recommend this textbook to professors. However, if you are required to use this textbook then be prepared to read paragraphs three times or more before you understand what the writer is saying. The overabundance or pointless examples and ranting makes this textbook one of the worst I've ever had to use.

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