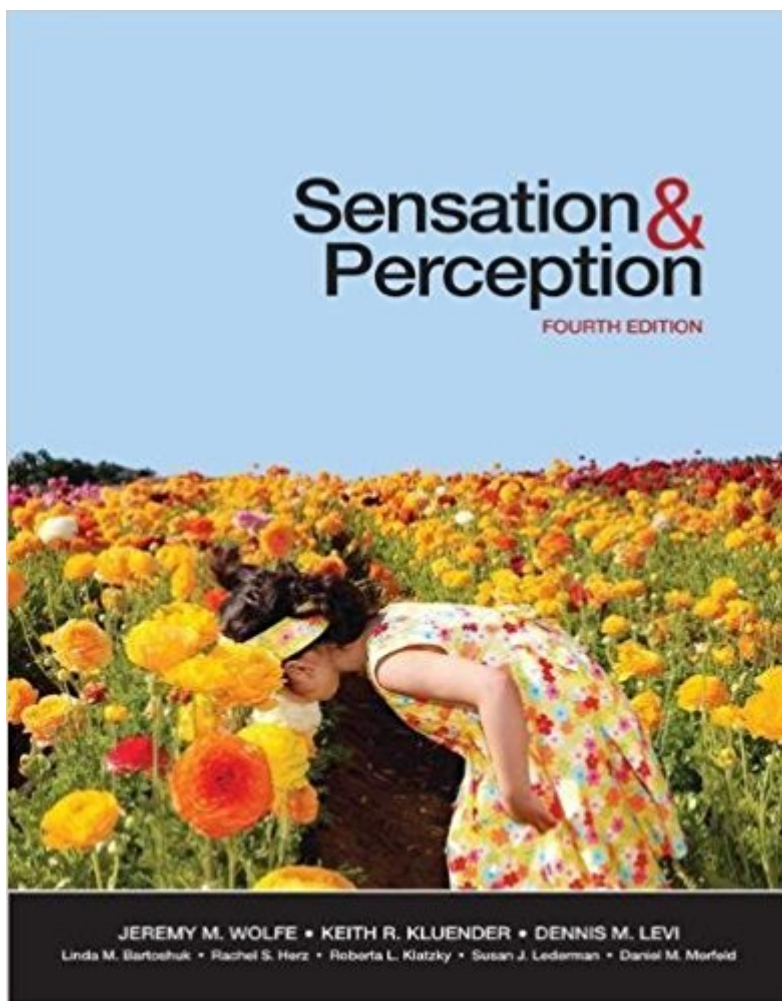


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# Sensation & Perception



## Synopsis

Sensation & Perception, Fourth Edition, introduces students to their own senses. Human sensory and perceptual experience is emphasized, and the neuroscientific underpinnings of that experience introduced. By integrating current findings alongside the basics, the authors impart to students that these are active areas of research. The Fourth Edition features an emphasis on Sensation & Perception in Everyday Life; this new box feature discusses a perceptual impairment or real-world application related to the chapter topic. The text provides comprehensive treatment of higher perceptual/cognitive functions (e.g., attention, music, language) as well as expert coverage of sensory systems beyond vision and audition (including, notably, a full chapter on The Vestibular System and Our Sense of Equilibrium and separate chapters on Taste and Olfaction). New material ranges from the latest neuroscience to medical applications to philosophical considerations. The book strives for a conversational tone that unites the voices of several domain specialists into a unified story of the human senses.

**RESOURCES**

**For the Student Companion Website** The Sensation & Perception companion website provides students with a wealth of study and review materials to help them master the important concepts covered in the textbook. The site includes the following resources:

- \*Activities lead the student through important processes, phenomena, and structures (e.g., perception experiments, illusions, and models of cognitive processes). New for the Fourth Edition, each activity is accompanied by a brief quiz, which can be assigned by the instructor.
- \*Web Essays expand on selected topics from the textbook and provide additional coverage and examples.
- \*Study Questions give students the opportunity to test their mastery of the important concepts, processes, and terminology presented in the chapter.
- \*Flashcards & Key Terms help the student master the hundreds of new terms introduced in the textbook.
- \*Chapter Summary Activities combine a detailed overview of each chapter's content with a fill-in-the-blanks exercise to check comprehension.

**For the Instructor**

**Instructor's Resource Library** The Sensation & Perception IRL includes a variety of resources to aid in planning the course, presenting lectures, and assessing students. Contents include:

- \*Textbook Figures and Tables: All of the figures (including photographs) and tables from the textbook, sized and color-adjusted for optimal legibility when projected.
- \*PowerPoint Resources: Two presentations are provided for each chapter. One contains all of the chapter's figures and tables, the other is a complete lecture presentation outline, with selected figures included.
- \*Instructor's Manual
- \*Chapter Overview: Provides the big-picture synopsis of what each chapter covers.
- \*Chapter Outline: The outline structure of the chapter, including all headings.
- \*Chapter Summary: A detailed breakdown of all the important concepts presented in the chapter.
- \*Lecture Outline: A suggested lecture for each chapter, presented in a slide-by-slide format

designed for use in PowerPoint presentations.\*References for Lecture Development: A list of references for additional reading on the topics presented in each chapter.\*Test Bank: The Test Bank provides instructors with a full range of test questions for each chapter of the textbook, provided in Microsoft Word format. Both factual recall and conceptual questions are included, and some questions include diagrams. New for the Fourth Edition, each chapter includes a set of short-answer and essay questions, with answers.\*Computerized Test Bank: The Test Bank is also provided in Diploma format (software included). Diploma is a powerful, easy-to-use exam creation program that lets you quickly assemble exams using any combination of publisher-provided questions and your own questions.

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Linda M. Bartoshuk is Bushnell Professor, Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition at the University of Florida. Her research on taste has opened up broad new avenues for further study, establishing the impact of both genetic and pathological variation in taste on food preferences, diet, and health. She discovered that taste normally inhibits other oral sensations such that damage to taste leads to unexpected consequences like weight gain and intensified oral pain. Most recently, working with colleagues in Horticulture, her group found that a considerable amount of the sweetness in fruit is actually produced by interactions between taste and olfaction in the brain. This may lead to a new way to reduce sugar in foods and beverages.

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the results of her research to a number of real-world problems, including the design of haptic and multisensory interfaces for virtual environments and teleoperation. Daniel M. Merfeld is a Professor of Otolaryngology at the Harvard Medical School with appointments at the Harvard-MIT Health, Science, and Technology program and the Harvard School of Engineering and Applied Science. He is also the Director of the Jenks Vestibular Physiology Laboratory at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. Much of his research career has been spent studying how the brain combines information from multiple sources, with a specific focus on how the brain processes ambiguous sensory information from the vestibular system in the presence of noise. Translational work includes research developing new methods to help diagnose patients experiencing vestibular symptoms and research developing vestibular implants for patients who have severe problems with their vestibular labyrinth.

I rented this book for a psychology course I took in college. The book was really easy to understand and the chapters were quick to get through. I feel like it repeats a lot of information from other introductory psych courses and textbooks. However, it does give a little more information on the biology and processes of perception. If you need to get this text for a course, I would suggest renting or buying an older edition. It doesn't seem like they add too much to the different editions. Any new information would likely be covered in class. The text is a little big, but it's not heavy at all. It's real easy to take it to class.

Good book which I have used for my undergrad Psych class. Kind of bulky and heavy, however provided a lot of easy-to-read info and has colored photos and diagrams for better learning. I found this book to be engaging and I have learned a lot from it.

exactly what it was supposed to be

Diverse collection of modern expertes. High learning curve. Writing is inconsistent when other authors take over, but the content makes this book.

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as the book content. I am happy with how the author presented the content in the book, he explains well!. What an interesting read!

book is missing Chapter 5

It's a textbook, so what can you expect? However, this one was especially dry. We used it for a college class on Perception, and although the class and the material was fascinating, this textbook made everything much more boring. I would delay reading from the text because I really did not enjoy it. I found much more helpful sources for Perception online that did not make me regret taking the class, so this book is needlessly dull.

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