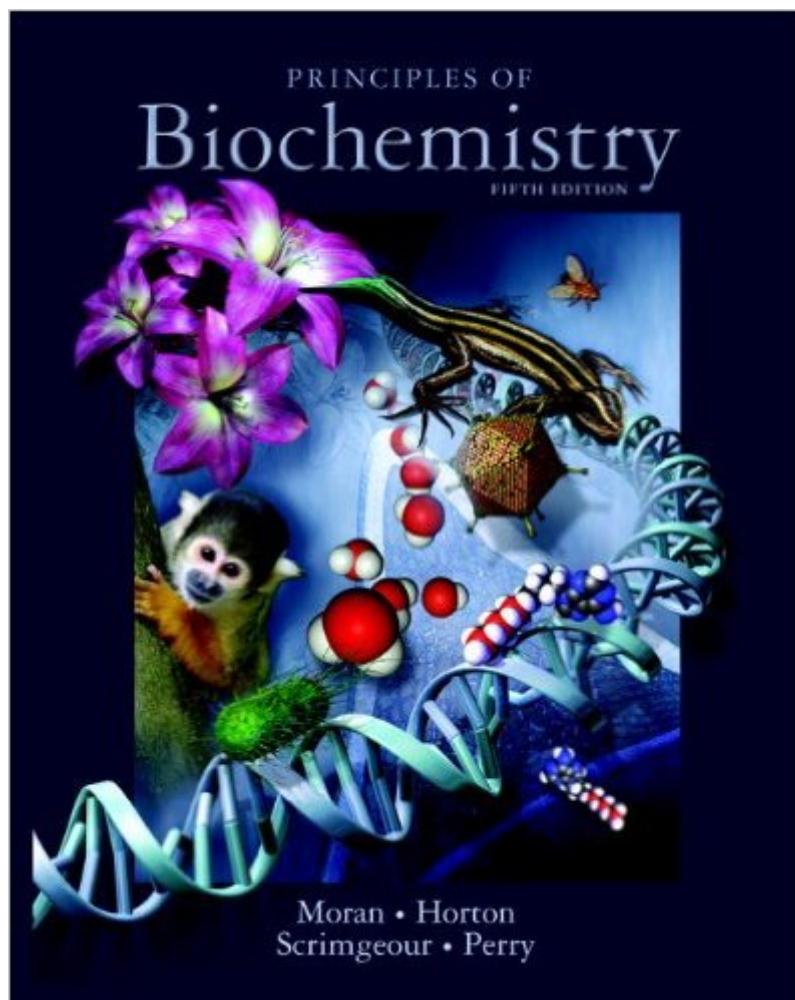


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For a beginning biochemistry text they make simple concepts overly complicated and wordy. Important concepts are not easily taken out of the text and they often refer to information in chapters that are much later in the text. The problems at the end of each chapter are extremely confusing and require you to do a search and find to figure out what tables you should refer to since the problem often does not tell you where you will find the information. Sometimes when a problem does refer to a table you go to look for the table and realize that they were all renumbered in the revised edition (though they forgot to change the table references in the problems). There are also numerous spelling and grammatical errors. Nothing about this text is straight forward or easy to understand. In all my science courses this is probably the worst book I have ever encountered and have resorted to using other sources for learning most concepts as this book does not explain things clearly.

The access code for the companion website www.chemplace.com was covered by a foil seal and when I tried to remove it, the sticker tore the first layer of the page off and completely obliterated any chance of seeing the access code. When I contacted Pearson they told me they would not support 3rd party vendors (). They would only help me if I had purchased directly through Pearson or the campus bookstore. Very very unhappy with the Pearson support line as well, she acted like she had never even heard of the online Chemplace website (I realize this is not 's fault, but an important point in my opinion). Ridiculous to buy a brand new book and not be able to visit the companion website.

This is the worst textbook I have ever encountered. There are many grammatical errors as well as errors in the material that are actually essential to your understanding of the subject (ex: equations, answers to end of chapter questions). It is excessively worded as well. I actually bought a second textbook (Lehninger) in order to supplement this disgrace to the chemistry world. Unfortunately, my professor uses this book to write the exams so I still use it fairly often. Also, the international (paperback) version is exactly the same in content to the hardcover.

Textbook came as expected and in good condition. However the content of the book has some blatant factual errors in several areas. For example the naming of alpha and beta glycosidic bonds has the cis/trans rule reversed; one of the back of the book problems has an obvious mistake when asking about Michaelis Menton equation.

You can read each chapter 20 times and memorize everything and STILL won't be able to answer the answers on the back. You need the actual professors who wrote the book to answer it for you. Its like they didn't even try to make any relationships with the chapters and the questions. Those questions might as well be from another textbook. Yeah.. I hope those professors are happy cashing that sweet check after making this awful textbook.

This book is the right edition/version advertised but I will say that they did not note that there was writing in the book (which there is) and there's a odor to the book. I can't quite place it but my friend said it smells like cat urine. Its pretty faint, but noticeable. The pages don't look watermarked so I'm not quite sure how it acquired such a smell, oh well. I will still use the book (as it is a required text) but I will not be buying online again. I now understand that when you buy used books "acceptable" is a sliding scale.

I really, really hated this book and it doesn't help that my professor used it like a crutch. I could read and write notes about a chapter, get to the end of the chapter questions, and not have a clue on how to answer the questions. There also aren't any examples throughout the chapter on how to solve the problems. All the answers are at the end of the book, but it really didn't help because there isn't anyway to find out where they got that answer.

It was well used with food/other unidentifiable stains smudged in between some pages. The binding was starting to fall off and the corners were bent up. Also, the book had a slightly musty smell. Was still a goof deal as it was 1/2 what university price was and the pages were all there.

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