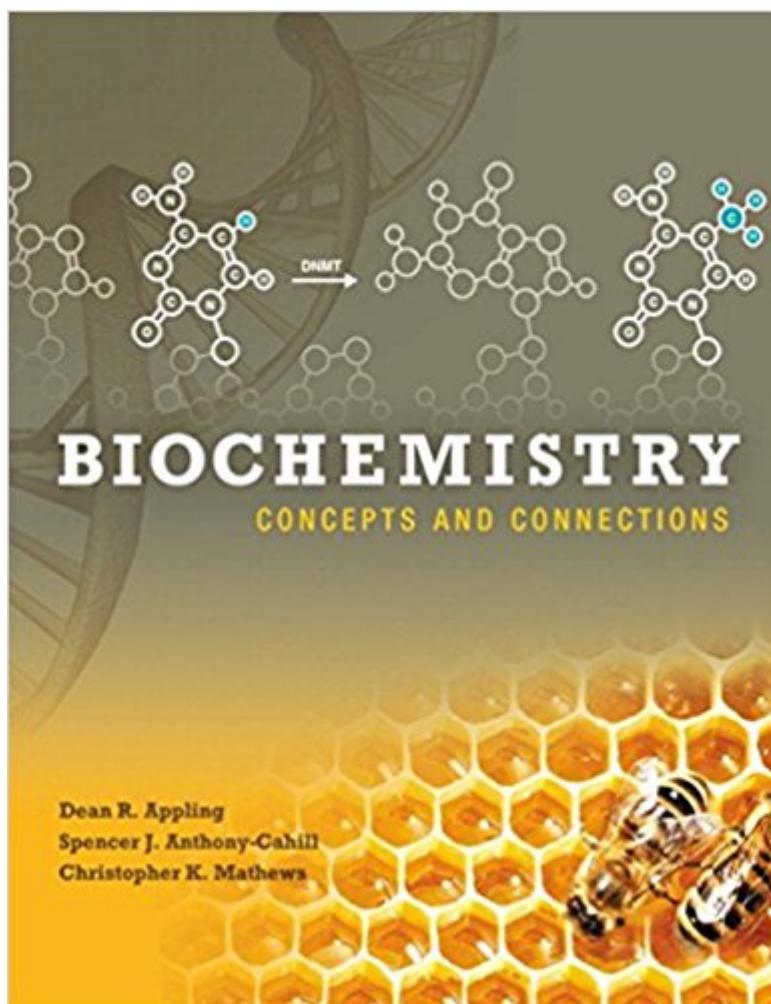


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structure of the HLH DNA-binding motif. He then worked for five years as a research scientist in the biotechnology industry, developing recombinant hemoglobin as a treatment for acute blood loss. In 1997, Spencer decided to pursue his long-standing interest in teaching and moved to WWU, where he is today. In 2012 Spencer was recognized by WWU with the Peter J. Elich Award for Excellence in Teaching. Research in the Anthony-Cahill laboratory is directed at the protein engineering and structural biology of oxygen-binding proteins. The primary focus is on circular permutation of human b-globin as a means of developing a single-chain hemoglobin with desirable therapeutic properties as a blood replacement. Outside the classroom and laboratory, Spencer is a great fan of the outdoors—especially the North Cascades and southeastern Utah, where he has often backpacked, camped, climbed, and mountain biked. He also plays electric bass (poorly) in a local blues-rock band and teaches Aikido in Bellingham. Christopher K. Mathews is Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Biochemistry at Oregon State University. He earned his B.A. in chemistry from Reed College (1958) and Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of Washington (1962). He served on the faculties of Yale University and the University of Arizona from 1963 until 1978, when he moved to Oregon State University as Chair of the Department of Biochemistry and Biophysics, a position he held until 2002. His major research interest is the enzymology and regulation of DNA precursor metabolism and the intracellular coordination between deoxyribonucleotide synthesis and DNA replication. From 1984 to 1985, Dr. Mathews was an Eleanor Roosevelt International Cancer Fellow at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, and in 1994–1995 he held the Tage Erlander Guest Professorship at Stockholm University. Dr. Mathews has published about 185 research papers, book chapters, and reviews dealing with molecular virology, metabolic regulation, nucleotide enzymology, and biochemical genetics. From 1964 until 2012 he was principal investigator on grants from the National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, and the Army Research Office. He is the author of *Bacteriophage Biochemistry* (1971) and coeditor of *Bacteriophage T4* (1983) and *Structural and Organizational Aspects of Metabolic Regulation* (1990). He was lead author of four editions of *Biochemistry*, a textbook for majors and graduate students. His teaching experience includes undergraduate, graduate, and medical school biochemistry courses. He has backpacked and floated the mountains and rivers, respectively, of Oregon and the Northwest. As an enthusiastic birder he has served as President of the Audubon Society of Corvallis and is President of the Great Basin Society, which operates the Malheur Field Station in eastern Oregon.

This book is missing key information it expects you to "just know". For example, in chapter 3 it gives

you an equation, and expects you to know all the values for the components of the equation, such as gas constant. In chapter 2, it expects you to know how it got a different value for the H-O ionic bond. There was no way to arrive at this value they gave you using calculation. I asked my biochemistry instructor, who has made her life of this, and she said, "all biochemists know this. It's just a given". This must be a problem with all biochemists. They don't explain to the entry student the basic principles, and then can't understand why you are confused.

I bought the international paperback edition printed in India. It seems to be the same as the US version, but the pages are all printed in black and white including the diagrams and illustrations. I assume the US version has color illustrations. The paper is also pretty thin, highlighting would probably bleed through. It's much cheaper than the other version though, for me the difference in price makes up for the lower quality printing. The book was clearly brand new and shrinkwrapped, it arrived about a week after I ordered it.

Wonderful primer for a intro o biochemistry

New book used for Biochem 1 this semester. It spends way too much time talking about other chapters rather than the very same topic it should be expanding on.

My daughter was pleased (for college). Arrived earlier than expected and packed nicely. Returning was a breeze, too. Absolutely no problems at all. Thank-you so very much.

Product was perfect, however, my one gripe is that there are no published answers for a lot of the questions in the back of the chapter....

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