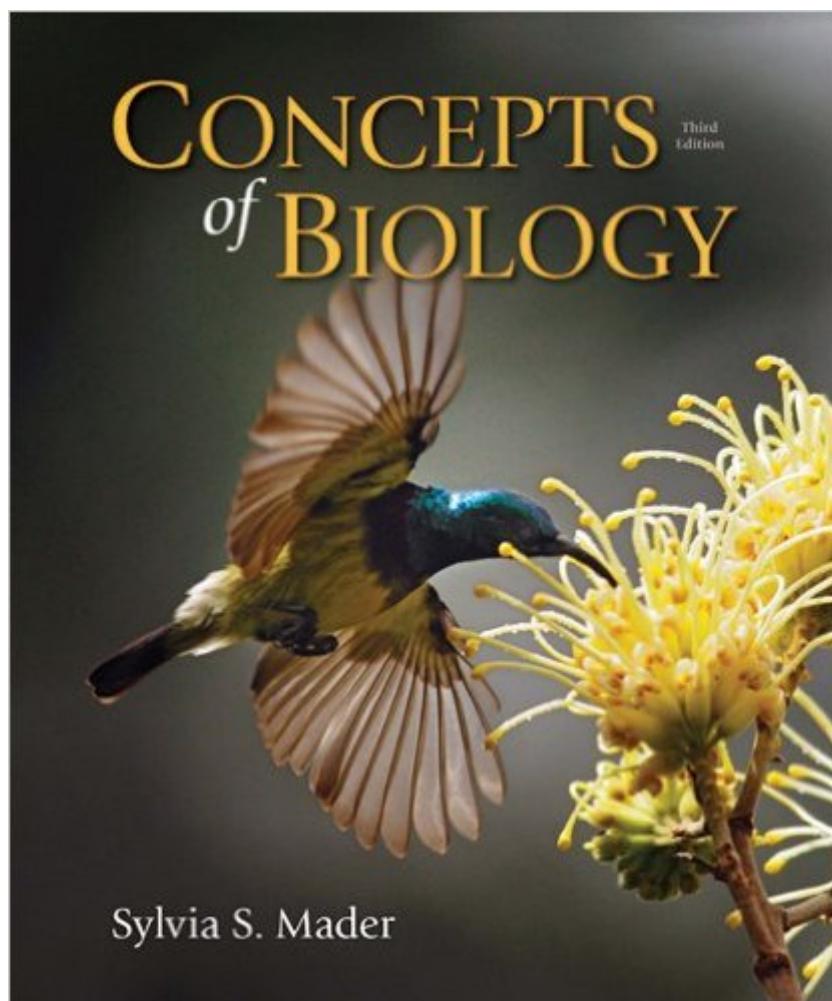


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# Concepts Of Biology



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Concepts of Biology 3e recognizes the value of the traditional approach while still engaging students in the excitement of relevancy to themselves and the world around them. The text abounds with analogies and engaging illustrations as it proceeds from an examination of chemistry to the biosphere. A significant new feature of this edition is the integration of media asset into the chapter content. Virtually every section of the textbook is now linked to MP3 files 3D and 2D animations of biological processes and National Geographic and ScienCentral videos. In addition McGraw-Hill offers a full suite of adaptive learning tools including LearnSmart LearnSmart Labs LearnSmart Prep LearnSmart Achieve and SmartBook all designed to assess a student's existing knowledge base and adapt to particularly address deficiencies.

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This isn't a review so much on the book itself as it is the seller that provided it to me. Though, the book was as useful and "enjoyable" as any school textbook should be, I guess. It's chock full of knowledge. It's definitely not one of those boring, outdated titles you find at times throughout your education. But, back to the seller, it was provided to me at a great price, and with much haste. I paid about half of what my school was wanting to rent it. Book is in great condition, seems new. No one was able to tell the difference. Though, I wish I'd have gotten a bit more use out of it - the class I took was an online one, and the teacher basically outlined everything that we needed to learn from each

chapter in the form of videos. I just copied her notes and then went from there. I barely opened the textbook. I really shouldn't complain - made for a much easier class. I understand that the point of reading these books is to educate oneself, but damn are they so wordy!

Concepts of Biology is a wonderfully organized textbook with more wealth of information than your typical introductory biology text. This is a 924 page behemoth organized around the five major theories of contemporary biology: Cell, Gene, Evolution, Homeostasis, and Ecosystems. Inter-disciplinary sciences, such as geology and organic chemistry, are either discussed at length in biological context or have explanations that are remarkably concise. The use of analogies are heavy, but not confusing. Diagrams and pictures are both pleasing to the eye and explained well in their captions. The value and appeal of the diagrams and photographs show that the author recognizes the content in need of visual aid and took the time to properly place the aids on the page. It's an exceptionally well designed textbook. The cons of the Concepts are the lack of references and further reading suggestions. This textbook covers too broad a spectrum of biology to not include references to other introductory or scientific literature for curious students and laypeople.

Lord have mercy on me. This class has too much work, I thought bio is suppose to be fun not tiresome; every week I'm shaking my head because I liked the subject ,but he had us doing what seemed to be 4 classes all in one. I don't know if this professor just wants to be tough on us or what ,but one thing is for sure it's almost over with. The work load is a beast, good luck to anyone who has to take bio

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