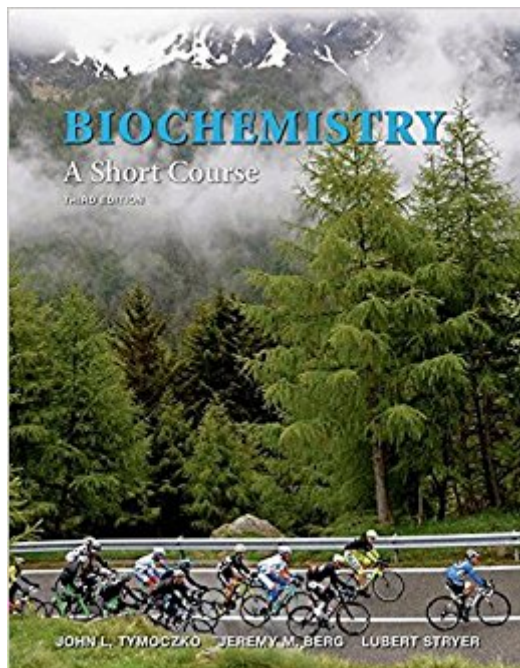


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Some chapters are too dense for their own good and other chapters can throw out too much terminology leaving readers confused. If you don't have any previous experience with biochemistry I'm not saying you should be scared of this book but you must use other references in addition to this one. For college course it would be easier to seek references on the internet and then consult

this book for a better explanation if there is time to do so.

Excellent textbook. Really a 'go to' textbook for anyone interested in Biochemistry. Only concern was with the shipping. The book was placed in a box without any wrapping to protect it during shipping. One corner was damaged during transit. Really a minor issue, but for a new, and relatively pricey textbook, I expect 'pristine/perfect' condition.

The loose leaf version is great. So easy to bring the necessary chapter or two to class instead of carting the massive book.

This book was incredibly well written. It is not good at surviving inside a backpack however, so I would suggest keeping it at your desk or kept inside of a binder if you need to take it to class. It approached all of the concepts in a very understandable fashion, and made these extremely complex concepts very easy to understand without having to simplify the language. The only problem I encountered was the limitations to some of the examples. As this book is the short course, it did not go into high detail on some metabolic disorders, however it covered the metabolic pathways completely and thoroughly. If you would like to understand some disorders more thoroughly, I suggest looking at the questions in the end of the chapters involving the disorders, and checking the answers back of the book for more information related to said disorder. Other than that, this field is very highly researched, so I am sure that you could find more information on the disorders online or in the full course text. I earned an A in my course, and my professor teaches at a near med-school level without curving the grades. The subject is very complex so understanding the concepts can be tough, however the chapters are very easy to read and as I said before, very understandable.

I'm oddly a bit obsessed with how this book feels. It's a hardcover book, but the outside is sooo soft. It's like velvet or felt or something (I'm not so great with knowing fabrics). I just wish all my books felt this way. It was also a great book for studying biochemistry. It came in handy.

This book is probably at graduate or medical school level. It was way too advanced for my Intro Biochem (BI 230) course, although I'm not complaining because the book was helpful in pushing me to understand the concepts at a deeper level. I will have to use the same book for my 400 level Biochem courses anyway.

I thought this book lacked organization. I couldn't seem to find what I needed without consulting the table of contents, even though I would know I was in the right chapter. It is very detailed and in depth though, just requires time to understand how it is organized.

Great way to save money and the book looks great!

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