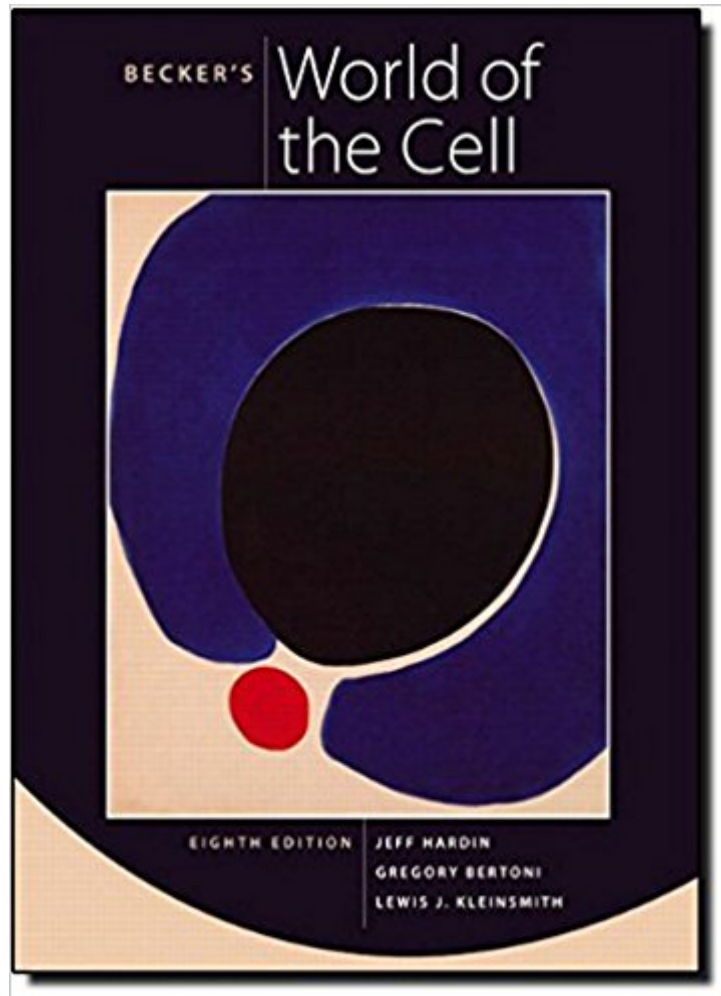




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Becker's World of the Cell provides accessible and authoritative descriptions of all major principles, as well as unique scientific insights into visualization and applications of cell biology.

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I have owned numerous cell biology textbooks, and this series has always been my favorite. This edition, and the 2 earlier editions of this series that I've owned, strikes a perfect balance between technicalities and general information. One other cell biology text I owned (I suppose graduate level) jumped right into complex material and anyone not already familiar with the basics of cell biology would be completely lost; and its coverage was extremely technical. Another cell biology text series - of which I owned 2 in the series - had poor diagrams/graphics and was not all that well organized. "The World of the Cell" series (which recently changed its name to "Becker's World of the

Cell") starts the reader off with the basics, progresses slowly and logically, and has very good diagrams/graphics. And while it does discuss technical details, it is not weighed down by them; and the language used is intermediate - they use cell biology terms but don't cram so many into a single sentence that one has to jump back and forth through the text looking up term after term to figure out what a sentence means. PS: I have both the 7th and 8th editions. I kept notes from the 7th edition and when I look at the same page numbers in the 8th edition, the same noted material is there ... each of the dozen or so pages I checked in the 7th edition maps to the same page in the 8th edition, even up into the page 600's. So if you are not buying this for a class, you might consider buying the 7th edition as it should be cheaper. I don't know what updated information you'd be losing out on, though.

IF you read this book, you won't ever have to worry about being confused in the cellular or molecular discussion in higher level courses. This book is overly detailed, almost to a fault, but that's probably a good thing so as to introduce the reader to as much as possible. Very frequently, this book discusses breakthrough experiments and studies before talking about an idea. This is good because ideas aren't pulled out of thin air. At the same time, they don't waste too much time on it and they get right to the point. This is an exceptional text book.

One of the best books on cell biology

This book is pretty awesome. Tons of depth for an undergraduate level. I really liked the way it's laid out as well. The one huge downfall is that the "Cell Place" that comes with it totally sucks. It makes it seem like there are tons of great videos, 3D graphics and tutorials, etc.... There aren't. What they do have is pretty cheap.

My son needed this book for college. It shipped quickly and was exactly what he needed for class.

This book did meet my expectations.

I found this book to really help when studying for my tests!

I enjoy the book and the way it is set up. The online activities are pretty awful though. I needed a few plug-ins for my browser and even then, the diagrams and activities didn't load properly more

often than not.

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