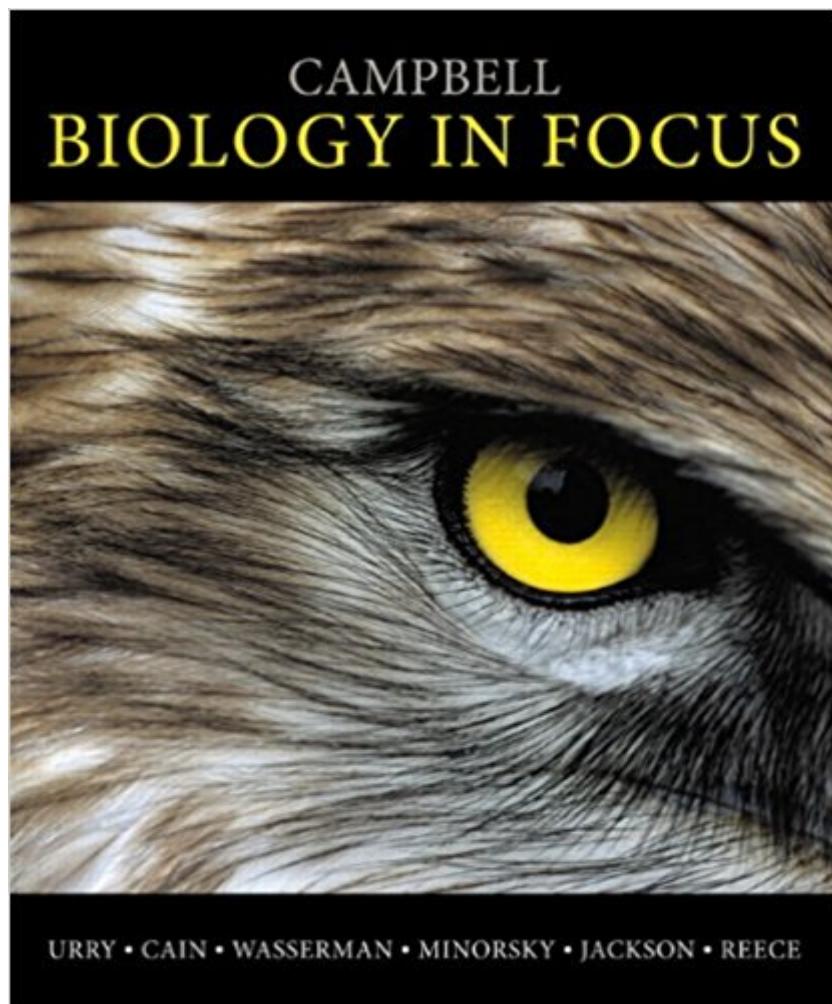


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Great book! Bought it used from Warehouse Deals and was a little worried at what quality I would get since it said "Acceptable" condition. None the less, the book I received is brand new! It was actually still wrapped in foil when I got it. I looked through it and it seems no one has ever used it, the pages are blank and look unused. I already pretty much knew I wouldn't receive a MasteringBiology access code and was planning on buying one (no biggie), but as I was flipping through the book I found an unopened one! It was completely sealed and the code still covered up (you have to scratch the area in order to see your code). I haven't used it yet since I bought the book for the upcoming fall semester but I will sure do so once it starts. I couldn't be more happy with my decision to buy used. I received a brand new \$200+ textbook (at my college bookstore) for under \$70!

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Wish I ordered this one the first time. It was delivered when promised and was the correct edition. I ordered from someone else previously and was sent the wrong edition. I liked this particular version of the book as it is made for a 3 ring binder, making it easy to use only the chapters needed for class. Beats carrying a massive book to class and makes it easier to find the content needed, because you're flipping through fewer pages. I totally recommend this version of the book.

I'm a middle-aged computational linguist, and I bought this book after a fascinating conversation with my doctor about the advances made in biology in recent years due primarily to cancer and AIDS research. I want to learn important things that mankind has understood before I have to leave the planet. I thought I was going to have to pull myself together to read this heavy stuff, but not at all. For me, this is a page turner. I couldn't wait for my commute so I could sit in a corner and read my book. I have to say I am left totally BLOWN AWAY by what we have come to understand about biology -- both the details as well as the bigger picture. Had I been younger when I picked it up, I would not have appreciated as much the skill with which the authors present the material. The order and manner in which concepts are introduced have obviously been honed over decades of experience -- first the major themes which tie the field together, a complete and painless high school chemistry course placed so you sense why you're going to need it, the critical role that water plays in making life possible. An overarching description of what energy is and how it functions precedes an attempt to discuss cellular respiration and photosynthesis, so that you're primed not to lose the forest for the trees. You really feel like you sense how it works, and if you're paying attention at all, you can't help but come away with admiration for the community of scientists who made it happen. I feel better about the human race, and am left sensing the magnificence of this achievement in the greater scheme of things. The whole of biology is presented pretty comprehensively. I left the book

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