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Biology Of Plants, 7th Edition



Synopsis

Long acclaimed as the definitive introductory botany text for majors, *Biology of Plants* is especially known for its comprehensive coverage and its magnificent art program. The new edition offers a wealth of new information, especially in the areas of taxonomy, genomics, plant hormones, and *Arabidopsis* research.

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Customer Reviews

An extremely informative series (*Biology of plants* versions) well written and in depth. They ruined it with the 7th edition however, by putting two chapters (the ones on ecology) on the internet. So the book, even though it says it's 800 and some pages, actually is thinner than the old 6th version. Our teacher couldn't believe they had done this, as this was part of the curriculum. So, not only would we have to pay about \$120 for this book, but also have to print about 100 pages.... That's a sick way to make more money out of books, I'm tired of book companies screwing students just to make some more money. I returned the 7th edition and got the 6th edition, which has basically the same information and ALL the chapters included in the book! I don't like being this harsh, because I absolutely love the information this book has. Reading it has added another dimension to my understanding of plants. The Ecology chapters missing in the 7th edition are awesome reads, however and probably contain the best real world information that students should have. As such, I have to praise the 6th edition for it has changed my life for the better!!! :)

Even though many teachers recommend this book, its information is way too general for a serious botany course. For example, if you want information on about Division Anthocerotophyta, you'll only find about 5 paragraphs. It is a good book for general doubts, but once you want deeper knowledge, I would really recommend Bold's Morphology of Plants and Fungi. Don't be tackeden aback by its publication date (1987): it is still the most used and revered book on the subject. It's the Bible of botanists (just like the Alberts for Molecular Biologists), and it will come in handy whenever you study algae or fungi also.

You know, Raven's Biology of Plants is the Bible of plant biologists, but I'm just not a great fan of it. Campbell's Biology (anything over the 5th edition) does a better job of explaining photosynthesis and if a book ON plant biology is trumped on perhaps THE most important aspect of plant biology by a book of general biology, I find that quite sad. Descriptions and examples were not always the best choices. There is nothing in here that excited me about plant biology and I'm a plant biologist. The text is flat. Good coverage on all the major plant lineages. A bit weak in the evolution department. Not that it is absent, just thin. Putting the ecology chapters online and still trying to sell this as part of the text is ...ahem...borderline dishonest. If I wanted an eBook, I'd buy an eBook. When I want a text in my hand, I expect it to be all there. What am I to do should I need to reference those chapters in the field? Not that I would ever take this text into the field. It's just not all that.

I'm in a class that "requires" the eighth edition but upon collaboration and review with my professor we've found this text lacking very little. Difficulty in understanding concepts within are not a fault of the authors, publishers, or student for that matter. These are the guiding principals of life itself, and it's like your mother said, life is complicated. I paid fifteen dollars for this book, and the eighth edition is more than \$200 at my university bookstore. I HIGHLY recommend you buy this one.

students interested in the field of plant biology, Evert provides enough material for the text to be used at the basic and intermediate, i'd venture to say advanced level in many cases, so over all, the text is of great value to any student or simple lover of plants who would like to delve a little deeper than the vegetable garden.

I got this book in a reasonable time frame but, its binding is coming undone and needs to be fixed. It works ok for my class but I would watch what the description DOESN'T say about the product and ask about it.

As others have mentioned, the ecology chapters are now on the web, confined to outer darkness. The coverage of ecology is paper thin with a few examples replacing depth of discussion. The theory of succession is particularly poorly presented. Clements gets mentioned but the folks who followed him did not, although their arguments against his theory are presented, sort of. Raven et al cite the classic Janzen ant-accacia study, now up for its diamond jubilee. Couldn't they have found something from this century? Anyway if you want basic botany, long on definitions, short on thought, buy it. If you want your students to know some botanical ecology, find a supplement. Future employers will thank you.

A thorough and comprehensive book that explains botany in a way that's easier to understand if one hasn't had a science class in sometime. This book is reasonably priced compared to other text books.

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