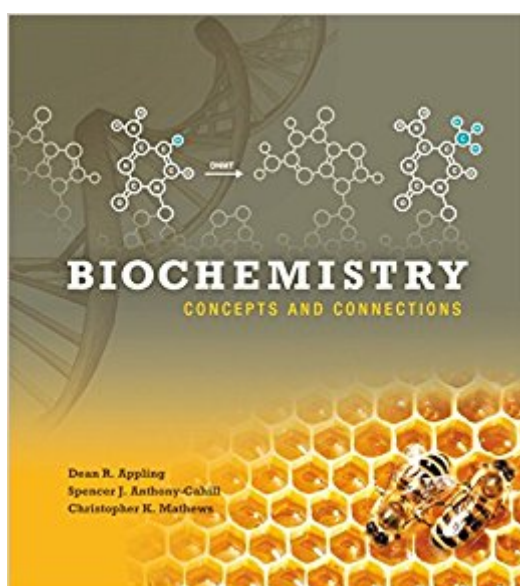


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As much fun as writing a textbook might be, Dean would rather be outdoors. He is

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Outside the classroom and laboratory, Spencer is a great fan of the outdoors—especially the North Cascades and southeastern Utah, where he has often backpacked, camped, climbed, and mountain biked. He also plays electric bass (poorly) in a local blues—“rock band and teaches Aikido in Bellingham.

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(1983) and Structural and Organizational Aspects of Metabolic Regulation (1990). He was lead author of four editions of Biochemistry, a textbook for majors and graduate students. His teaching experience includes undergraduate, graduate, and medical school biochemistry courses. He has backpacked and floated the mountains and rivers, respectively, of Oregon and the Northwest. As an enthusiastic birder he has served as President of the Audubon Society of Corvallis and is President of the Great Basin Society, which operates the Malheur Field Station in eastern Oregon.

It's no Klein Organic Chemistry text but it does the job for a one semester course. Minute mistakes and lack of clarification here and there but lots of diagrams and illustrations to elucidate content. Be aware that my entire class had issues with the Mastering Chemistry code, requiring sorting out through customer service but did get eventual access to the online content. It may be worth it to buy used (sans code) and buy the code separately direct from Pearson's website if your professor requires it.

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