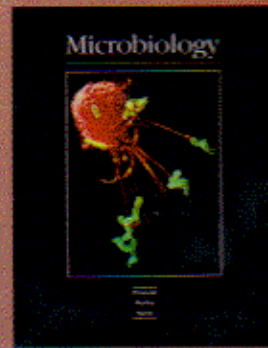
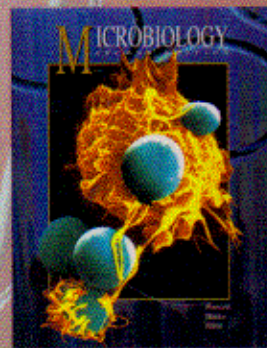
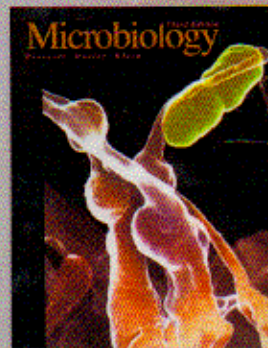
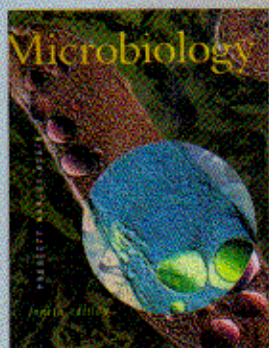
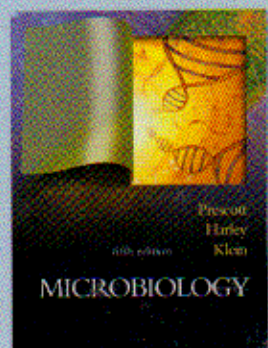
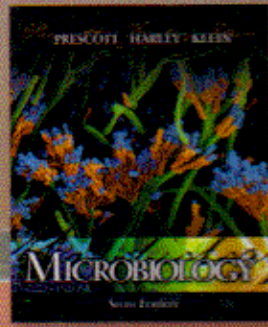
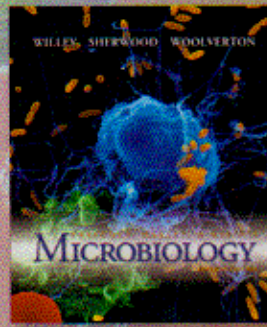
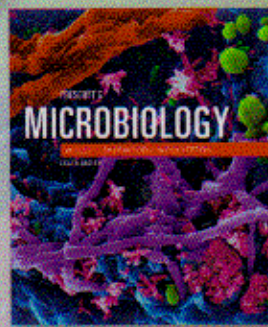
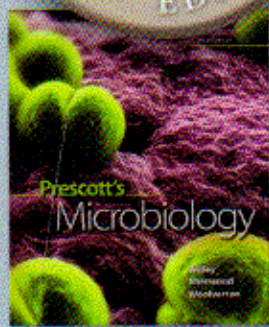
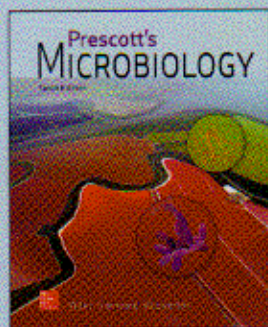


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We chose the aerial view of a sea salt works in the San Francisco Bay area, where evaporating seawater is used to manufacture sea salt, because it illustrates the beauty and ubiquity of microbial life. As the water evaporates, it becomes increasingly saline, a habitat that cannot support most life. However, the growth of extreme salt-loving bacteria and archaea called halophiles flourishes. These microbes (the photo insets) are often pigmented. At this salt works, moderately salt-tolerant microbes render the water green in color, while the hardest salt-loving archaea result in a deep red cast.



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