
PREFACE

This book was written for sophomore and junior level courses in cell biology, molecular biology, and cellular physiology. We consider in detail the fine structure of eukaryotic and prokaryotic cells (and viruses), the chemical composition and organization of cells, cell metabolism, and bioenergetics and, for each major cell organelle or structural component, its particular molecular and supermolecular organization and its functions. Special attention has also been paid to a description of the major research tools used by cell biologists to increase our knowledge of cell structure, biochemistry, and function.

In preparing this third edition of *Cell and Molecular Biology*, we have drawn upon more than forty-five years of our own collective university teaching experience as well as the help of more than 25 university professors who have used the first and second editions of this book. We are hopeful that our early training in different areas of cell biology, the expertise of each reviewer's specialty, and our involvement in active research programs have helped to present an up-to-date, thorough and balanced approach.

We have necessarily made certain assumptions with

regard to the background of students reading this book. For example, we have assumed that students have had courses in introductory biology and introductory chemistry. Most portions of the book dealing with physical or biochemical principles or concepts are preceded by a discussion of the requisite fundamentals.

We have revised, updated, and expanded this edition within the relatively short span of four years because of the rapid advances that have taken place in cell biology, especially in the fields of molecular genetics, genetic engineering, and immunology. Indeed, we have added a new chapter devoted specifically to the subjects of immunity and cancer. Concepts that are no longer tenable in the light of recent findings have been discarded, while newly developing ideas are presented and discussed. The clear and informative diagrams of the first and second editions of the book were among its major strengths; the best of these have been conserved, and a large number of new diagrams have been added. Once again, we have searched the literature to obtain the best and clearest electron photomicrographs depicting cellular organelles and other components, and this edition is replete with highly in-

formative photomicrographs that have been obtained using the most recently evolved laboratory techniques.

Some illustrations are presented in stereoscopic form and, although individual members of each "stereo pair" may be viewed without an optical aid, the perspective effect is best obtained with the use of a stereo viewer. Plastic-frame viewers with adjustable lenses are available in most college and university campus bookstores or where graphic supplies are sold.

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