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Here, a very detailed introduction to the fundamentals in molecular and cell biology is followed by an overview of standard techniques applied in molecular biotechnology, including chromatography and electrophoresis, cloning techniques, gene expression systems, immunological methods, labeling of proteins and in situ-techniques, microscopy and laser systems. The third part then focuses on the key topics of molecular biotechnology, ranging from functional genomics, proteomics and bioinformatics to drug targeting, recombinant antibodies, structural biology, gene therapy and knock-out mice. The whole is rounded off by a section on biotechnology in industry dealing with patenting issues, company foundation and market opportunities.

With almost 800 pages, this book provides students and professionals in life sciences, pharmacy and biochemistry with all they need to know about molecular biotechnology.



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