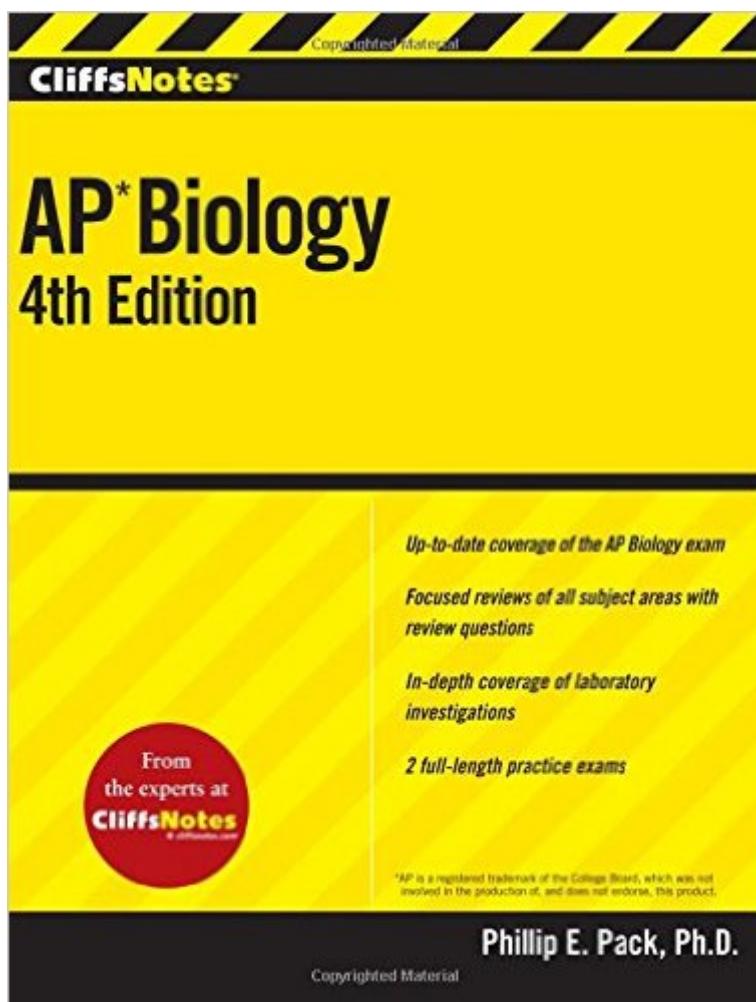


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The book is great and covers everything well, but it's not the edition you want to use if you're studying the DAT. I made the mistake of buying this edition when I should have gotten the 3rd edition, which is why I feel it would be unfair to deduct more than one star. *Caveat emptor!* There are some major differences between the 3rd and 4th editions, because of a change in HS curriculums. That being said... Here are some examples between the two editions: Chapter 6 (Cell signaling pathways) in the

4th edition is not in the 3rd and not necessary for the DAT. The 4th edition is way too in depth for some materials and isn't necessary for the DAT (e.g. Chapter 9 Molecular Biology and a history of the experiments that lead to the discovery of DNA). Most importantly, the 4th edition skips some of the subjects that were in the 3rd edition, subjects that will show up on the DAT. TLDR: If you're preparing for the DAT, newer is not necessarily better. Stick to Cliff AP 3rd edition.

I purchased this book because I heard that reading Cliffs-notes is the best way to earn a 5. I loved it because I was able to comprehend and retain a large amount of information. It provides a detailed answer-key to all the questions it asks, so I gained a lot of knowledge from it. I thought I had a chance of getting an amazing score on my AP Exam, but I was so wrong! The AP Biology exam doesn't ask you to define vocabulary or explain the processes your teacher emphasized on. It is the complete OPPOSITE of straight-forward. You have to observe diagrams, analyze complex situations, and find hypotheses to experiments you've never even heard of. You have to read long, boring paragraphs that contain a lot of "beating around the bush." It seemed as if this book only gave me background knowledge, because I wasn't able to answer more than 10 questions based off of what I learned from this book. It did, however, help me on the free response questions which was the easiest part of the exam. In conclusion, this is an excellent book, but don't depend on it to earn a good grade on the exam, because it will not help you. Use it to understand topics you don't understand throughout the year. This book probably would've been a life-saver for people on the old exams, but now College Board has their "new & improved" crap, I hope I even pass the exam. Cliffsnotes needs to come up with a new edition if they REALLY want to prepare their customers for the newly designed test.

Ok, so I took the new AP Biology exam in May. I used this book to study from, did all the questions at the end of the chapters including the free response, and I have to say that although this book was extremely informative and helpful for my classroom tests, it was very unlike the test itself. The test was very conceptual, containing a lot of diagrams which required analysis and paragraphs that had to be read to answer follow-up questions. In essence, the review book just gave me some background knowledge for the test's somewhat abstract questions, and I really wasn't expecting that. The book itself though is really good at providing the reader with information, but not as successful at preparing you for the test's format. It's understandable though, since this was the first year that they changed the test, so definitely keep that in mind. Otherwise, if you want something else to study for the AP exam, I would recommend this book as a class study guide since it was so

good at explaining topics for tests you might have.

First off, basically all the review books on the market for ap biology right now are in no way a representation of what is on the new exam. The review books on the market give you general knowledge in ap biology, but the actual exam is set up so that you'll apply that knowledge to real life situations. So in reality, I'd imagine almost all the review books offer much of the same information, but it's up to you to be able to apply the information. Because you'll get very similar information in all review books at this time, I'd definitely recommend getting the Princeton review, simply because it isn't bland, like CliffsNotes. Really, the exam is super easy, just study the review book and definitely check out the Bozemanscience series on YouTube titled, " AP Biology essentials." Doing so will adequately prepare you for the new ap biology curriculum and exam. Good luck!

the content is way to heavy for the actual exam and none of their practice questions reflected those on the actual exam. tbh, i felt like i studied a lot of unnecessary information. not very good for the new ap bio exam, maybe better suited for the old ap bio exam which is now irrelevant.despite that, i didnt go in underprepared for anything. i didnt feel overprepared either. i just felt like i studied a lot of irrelevant information along with most of the relevant information.

This book is a great review for AP Biology. I'm self-studying for the test and it does a great job explaining all of the concepts. The CD is also great; it includes the entire book in PDF format, so you can take the book with you on your laptop!A must-have for AP Biology students. Other books over prepare and cause you to remember superfluous information that isn't tested on. Stick with Cliffs, study it well, and you should do great!

This book provides a simple, well organized way of conveying information to high school students taking AP Biology. The word choice and the syntax are easy to understand. Also the sample tests and questions are a vital resource to helping you pass the exam and seeing if you truly understand the information.

\*Used for the CLEP\* I grouped this, Biology Smart, and REA's CLEP Biology. Every time I got a question wrong on a practice test I looked it up in the Biological Science 11th Edition Textbook. I also had some knowledge from taking Anatomy and Physiology. Walked away with a 63/80.

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