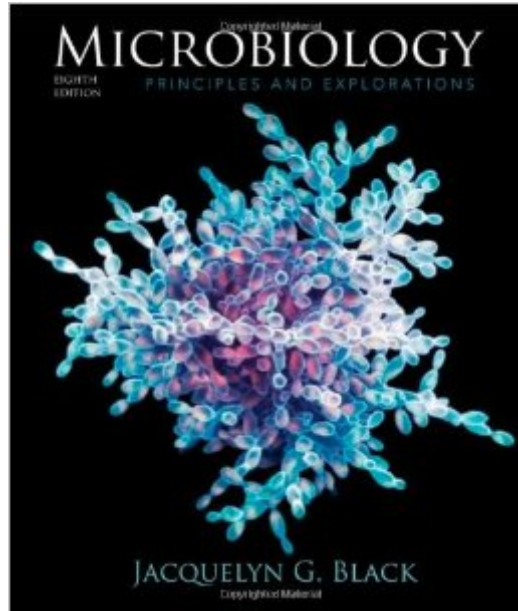


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Jacquelyn Black's 8th Edition of *Microbiology: Principles and Explorations* builds upon the previous best-selling textbooks in this series with an enhanced introduction to the study of Microbiology in the same engaging writing style throughout the narrative. The text is even more reader-friendly and focuses on microbiology, allied health, agriculture and food sciences topics.

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Jacqueline Black truly has a way with words. She has a very readable textbook. I have chosen this book for my Microbiology class. My students are primarily nursing students. The "extra" information she has included in the text adds a spark of reality to the text.

This book is the best intro microbiology textbook I've seen. The author writes in a very straightforward, no nonsense, yet detailed fashion and explains concepts with a perfect blend of precision and simplicity that other books lack. The book has nice photos and illustrations to support the great writing.

I used this book in the 200-level microbiology course I taught last year and will use it again this year. It has wonderful figures and great instructor resources. There are a few errors in the text, for example the glossary gives the definition of an auxotroph to be that of an autotroph, and the autotroph definition is that of the auxotroph. This confused my students. It's a great book for a nursing/ non-majors microbiology course. I would stick with Brock's *Biology of Microorganisms* for a

Biology Majors course.--> Addition to this review (Dec. 2010), it's filled with errors, as is the instructors guides that are online for this text. It makes it difficult to teach something if the book is incorrect. For example, look up autotroph and auxotroph in the glossary. The definitions are backwards. This is just one example of many errors!!

This is an excellent study guide. It really solidifies the information of microbiology in a concise format that sticks to your brain. However, if you want to know the type of questions asked on microbiology exams, definitely get the following book: Microbiology Study Guide: Key Review Questions and Answers ISBN: 0971999635 The author of the second study guide knows the type of questions teachers ask on exams. I used these two books in my undergraduate microbiology course and got a 92 average. Get both books.

I rented this book through for my Microbiology class. It's a great textbook - there are a lot of great photos throughout and I really used the appendix in the back quite often. If looking at renting a digital version, I highly recommend it. It was wonderful to search the book by a keyword when needed, and I also like that it's much lighter to carry your device than the book itself. Very interesting book that's well organized. I'm glad that it was a required book and I feel as though I learned a lot from it. While it's obviously not written for pleasure, and at times can be a bit rough to keep focus, it does enhance it's chapters with a lot of pertinent and current photos.

Got the LOOSELEAF version for \$58 brand new. I bought a three ring 1 and 1/4 inch half flat side ring binder from office max for \$8. The whole thing fits in a 1 and 1/4 inch binder. 1 inch is too small a binder. I think it's "dumb" to buy the hard copy of a book when you can get the looseleaf version. This lays open flat on a desk. You can laminate the end pages and punch three holes in them and keep them ready, or laminate any pages you refer to a lot. They already have the three holes in them so if you laminate them you just have to line up the same three holes and "viola" you are all set. Paper is slightly thinner than book but in a binder it lays flat, which is a plus.

This book came in great condition; although, for the price I paid I thought it would still be in the packaging and with all the extras. My bad, I didn't check before purchasing. This book is great for MCB 2010 which is what I used it for last semester

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