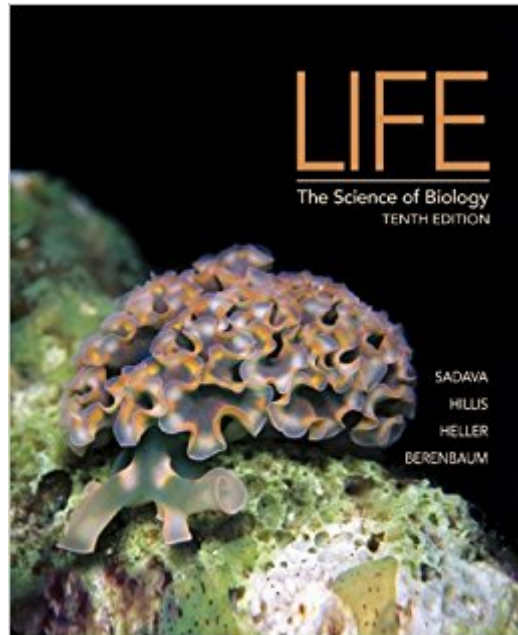




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This is a decent intro bio book - fairly general, and I wouldn't want it as my only reference, but not bad. That isn't what I want to talk about though. I highly recommend skipping the hard copy of this book and getting the online access through PrepU instead. It's the first online e-book I've encountered that works the way it should. If you've had the misfortune of using an online text through OWL, you're familiar with the frustration - inability to use the scroll wheel, slow page loading times, and no real way to tailor the text to your needs. PrepU has none of these problems. You can scroll to your heart's content. Clicking on a figure or table opens it in a new window rather than yanking you to a different page. Each section of the chapter has its own page, rather than being divided arbitrarily by the page number in the hard copy (you can still search by page number though). It can also tell you what parts of a chapter you should reread based on how you score on a diagnostic quiz. In all, it has been so user-friendly and helpful that I haven't taken the cellophane off of my physical textbook, and I wouldn't be surprised if I get through the next year without doing so.

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