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# Developmental Biology, Tenth Edition



## Synopsis

This book captivates student interest, opening minds to the wonder of developmental biology, whilst covering required material with scientific rigour. The tenth edition reflects the exciting new age of genomics, genetic regulatory networks and digital visualization techniques while keeping focus on the major questions of animal development.

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## Customer Reviews

I'm a biology graduate student with a physics background, so I bought this book to try to learn developmental bio. This seems to be the most prominent development textbook, and I can see why. I've been very pleased with it. It explains things very clearly and is written extremely well. The pictures are beautiful and well explained. The author includes some interesting science history, but not so much that it feels overwhelming or off-topic. It's clear that he's spent a lot of time thinking about the best way to present the material in order to teach it from scratch, assuming minimal prior biology knowledge. He doesn't go into the details of the Central Dogma and molecular biology because that's the realm of other textbooks, so it's good to know some of that to start with, but that can be learned easily from other sources. It also has a lot of great details for people who already have a pretty solid understanding of development, so this is a good book for anyone to have if they study development. Another great thing about this book is that it's very up-to-date. This edition came out in 2013, and it has a lot of citations to studies as late as 2011 and 2012. Biology changes fast and it's important to get an up-to-date textbook, and fortunately this book seems to get a new

edition every few years. Overall, I highly recommend it.

The language was stiff (it is a textbook after all), and it didn't help the format focused very heavily on individual studies. While referencing actual published studies provided very concrete examples and put real-world applications of theory into perspective, at times it detracted from actually conveying the main concept in a comprehensible way. The online supplement is riddled with typographical errors ranging from "tolymerase chain reaction" to entire paragraphs being duplicated. It's not unreadable, but it was unpleasant. 3/5

This is a great textbook for developmental biology courses. Developmental biology, more than any other class I have taken as an upperclassman biology major, requires more use of diagrams and pictures. This book's drawings and corresponding explanations are fantastic. It helped that my professor used the book's figures extensively in lecture as well. Well worth the money. The book is very good at incorporating molecular biology lab techniques into each and every chapter. For this reason, my university now counts developmental biology as our "molecular biology" major requirement.

great book! Very helpful in my embryology course

The information in this book was very detailed, yet it was still easy to understand. I'd recommend this book, even if it's not necessary for your class.

There's a lot of background history, which I find less important, but it's pretty in-depth and easy to understand for me. Great pictures.

This was the best textbook ever! I would recommend for a light reading if your into embryonic structures like I am

Book was brand new and also came with online code.

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