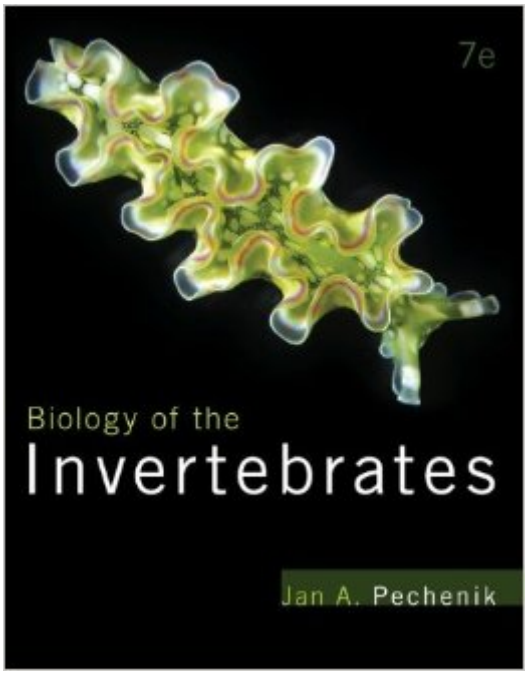
Biology Of The Invertebrates



Synopsis

This textbook is the most concise and readable invertebrates book in terms of detail and pedagogy (other texts do not offer boxed readings, a second color, end of chapter questions, or pronunciation guides). All phyla of invertebrates are covered (comprehensive) with an emphasis on unifying characteristics of each group.

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Customer Reviews

I have taught invertebrate zoology for over 20 years (so far). During that time I used textbooks by Kozloff, Moore, Brusca and Brusca, and Ruppert, Fox and Barnes. I cut my teeth on Barnes, and used for the most part subsequent editions of that book. Over the past few decades, however, invertebrate zoology has become an increasingly dynamic field of study in terms of phylogenetic analysis. Many textbooks have tried to include some of these changes, but at the same time many of the former stalwart textbooks have fallen out of print or fallen behind in keeping up with these changes.The most recent edition of Ruppert, Fox and Barnes came out in 2004...a decade ago. During that time I have had to look increasingly to outside sources to update taxonomic changes that happened in the meantime. I’m currently using Ruppert, Fox, and Barnes 7e for my invertebrate zoology course. There are not, as far as I know, any plans for an 8th edition of that book. Since this is the case it’s time for a change.A couple of days ago a review copy of Pechenik 7e appeared in my mailbox, and I eagerly flipped though it. My first stop was to see how Pechenik covered the annelids and it’s related groups. Bam! He nailed it! There were the Sipunculids, Echiurans, and Pogonophorans with its new clade name (Siboglinidae) right where they belonged, embedded in the

annelid tree. Other groups also received appropriate upgrades in the treatment of their taxonomies. Pechenik is on the ball.I have decided that starting next year I'll be using Pechenik's Invertebrate Zoology 7e for my class.