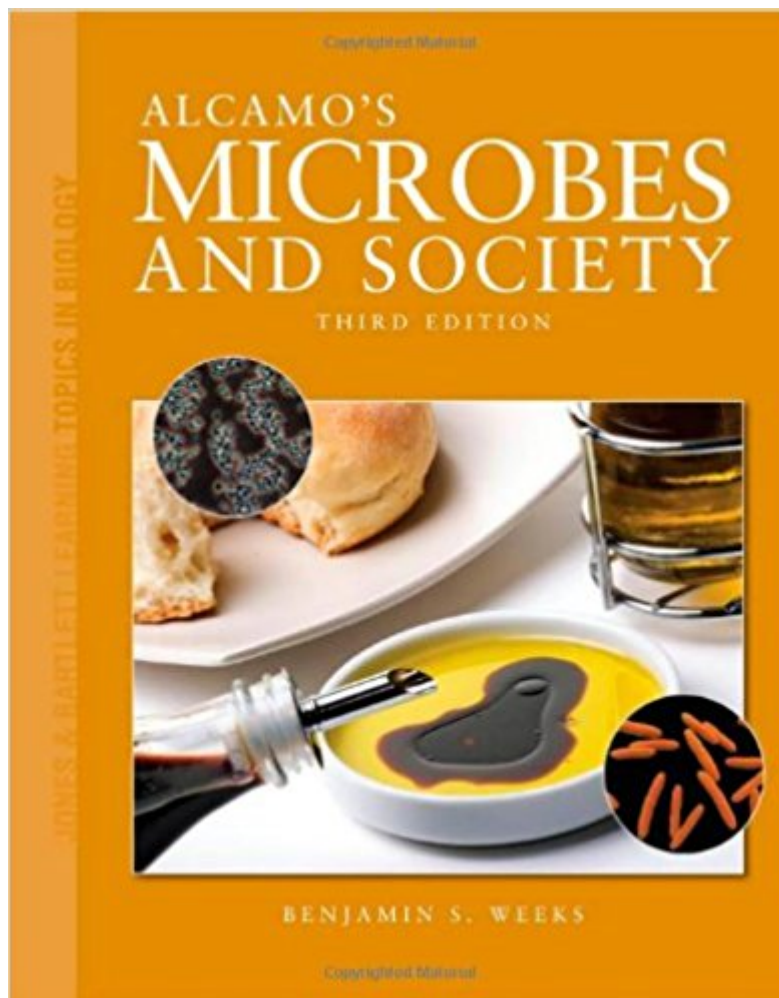




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Revised and updated to reflect new information in the field, the Third Edition of Alcamo's *Microbes and Society* is intended for liberal arts students taking a foundation course in the life sciences. It discusses the role of microbes in our everyday lives, from food production to their role in biotechnology and the numerous other ways that microbes contribute to our world. It goes on to explore such topics as the function of microbes in ecological systems and environmental systems. Coverage of bioterrorism, antibiotic resistance, and microbial disease offer students a broad and current perspective of the extensive impact of various microbes. Consistent with Edward Alcamo's student-friendly writing style, material is presented in a lively format that will engage students and highlight both the positive and negative impact that microorganisms have in our society.

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Customer Reviews

This book was assigned reading for my Intro to Microbiology class and I found it an extremely helpful resource during the duration of the class. It reads well and does an excellent job explaining difficult concepts - I have never had a good biology or chemistry class, yet I was able to understand the concepts very well thanks to the explanations in this book. My only complaint - and this may seem trivial or silly, and perhaps it is! - is that the author is obsessed with bioterrorism. He would frequently add that x-microbe could be a potential weapon of bioterrorism. Good to know, I suppose, but isn't that adding fuel to the flame?

The Kindle edition of this book doesn't have page numbers, making it absolutely worthless for my class. With the outrageous prices they charge for these textbooks I expect something as basic as page number support.

Book was in great shape and served its purpose for the students

They are a bit used, but then again they are rentals. However, the quality is solid and they are far better than what I could rent at my college. Definitely will use again for rentals.

good information. I used it for a college class. It had a lot of helpful diagrams and explanations. Not a hard read.

Product got here on time and it was just as advertised! The book was in very good condition and it was also cheaper than what I expected.

This really is a good source of info about microbiology. My only complaint is the same as a previous reviewer... This guy LOVES to bring bioterrorism into the conversation at any opportune moment. Example: There's a section on agar medium. Halfway through he starts describing how terrorists make 10,000 gallon batches of death. The terrorism bit that seems pervasive in this book detracts somewhat from the actual material inside. Aside from that, it's a pretty good read.

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