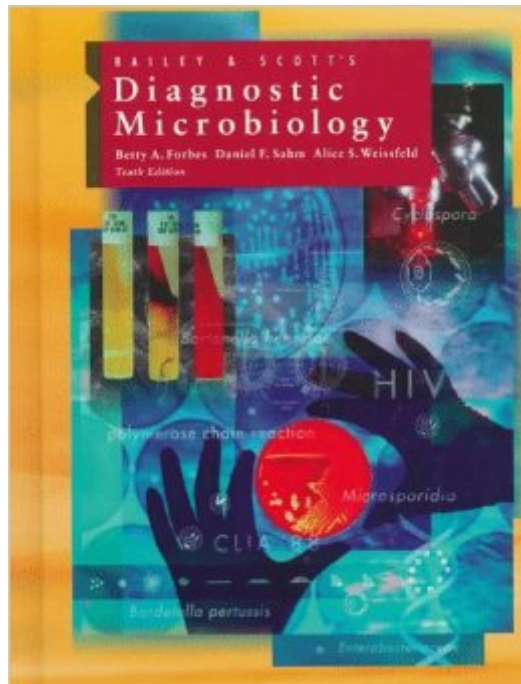


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# Bailey & Scott's Diagnostic Microbiology



## Synopsis

This new edition has been almost entirely re-written and re-organized. Microorganisms are now discussed in their entirety within single chapters as opposed to being spread out throughout the book. The first three sections of the book cover the foundations of microbiology, followed by comprehensive sections on bacteriology, virology, parasitology and mycology. The chapters in Part IV have been organized into sections based on test results and then on microorganism type, a breakthrough organization for microbiology textbooks. Several new chapters have been added, including taxonomy, genetics, bacterial identification, and susceptibility testing.

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## Customer Reviews

This edition of Bailey & Scott is the best so far. The tables included in each chapter are well organized. They present the data in an easy to look up manner. Information on individual organisms is better organized in contrast to earlier editions. One complaint is that older names and test procedures are not included. I suppose the authors wish to present the most current information but it would be nice to have a reference to an older name or test when a physician inquires.

I own this book plus buying a copy for the lab, the book is not as thorough as the manual of clinical microbiology by the ASM and edited by Murray. But is thorough enough for most routine bench work and is not as bulky as Murray. Murray and or Bergeys would be required for the more difficult organisms, but for everything else, or the student studying diagnostic Clinical microbiology I would

rate this book highly.

The eleventh edition is good in many aspects. But it cannot be denied that it is not as good as Koneman's book. Bailey and Scott is more suitable only for the bench technicians and not for researchers and graduate students. The book churns out table after table, in the name of comparative analysis. A student's mind will have difficulty in memorising and reproducing tables in the exam. In that sense, the lucid style of presentation in Koneman is commendable. Probably, the author of B&S did not have 'the student' in their mind when they wrote it. Another grossly lacking area is Parasitology. When compared to books written by Indian authors like SC Parija and Chatterjea, Bailey and Scott lags far behind. Probably, it is because parasitic infections are less in the US, which is why this area has been under emphasised. As a graduate student in India, I would strongly encourage my friends and fellow microbiologists to singularly follow Koneman alone. Trying to use Koneman with Bailey and Scott or trying to substitute Koneman with Bailey and Scott is an exercise in futility. These are my personal views only. Perhaps, students who want to finish studying clinical microbiology quickly because of the proximity of the exam dates, can go for Bailey and Scott. For MD students like me, we all in our college unanimously vote for the Koneman.

The great pictures and tables in this book keep it interesting, the only bad thing about it is that there are no end-of-chapter reviews or questions.

I got this book on a whim after deciding I was fed up with the required text for my micro class for my MLS program. I have to say that I am really really glad that I decided on this text. I opted for an older edition just because I'm a poor student, but despite being 10 years old, and only digging into the book for a week, I am really enjoying it. The chapters are to the point with the important information you need to know for each topic. Chapters for bacteriology are of a good length, the book doesn't try to cram a million organisms into one 50+ page chapter. The Mycology and parasitology chapters are the longest ones, but are very thorough and informative on those subjects. If anyone is in search of a great text for MLS studies or laboratory reference, this is it!

I bought this book to use during classes as an alternative to the 12 edition which is more expensive. The seller listed the book as "acceptable" which made me worry about its condition. I briefly considered not getting it, but for a dollar I figured I couldn't lose. Not only did it come a day earlier than expected, I opened the box to find a book that looked like it had been barely touched. no

highlighting, no torn or tattered pages. the only flaw I could find was a small oil spot on the leaflet in the front. the description of acceptable was a huge understatement. the book even still had the original code for the online software. I am glade I bought it despite the listing. I would have missed out.

OVERALL, THIS BOOK IS THE BEST. I WOULD DEFINITELY RECOMMEND THIS BOOK TO MY FRIENDS. IT HAS A GREAT SECTION ON PARASITOLOGY AND GREAT COLOR PAGES.

This book was a very useful tool in the class that I took. The pictures were very helpful in determining different parasites and understanding how species are very related, but different.

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