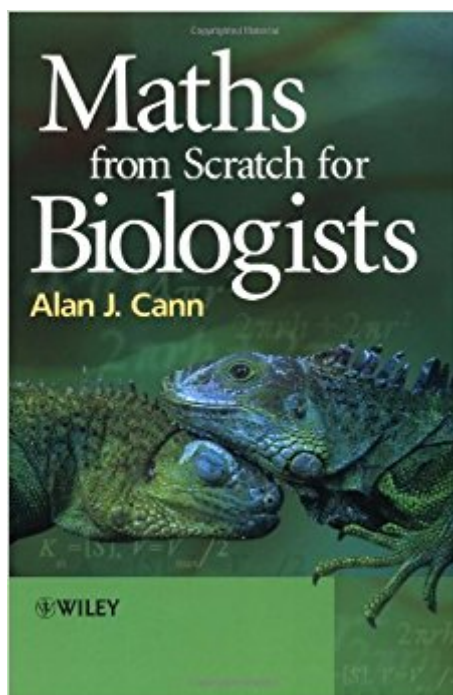


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Alan Cann has worked in both the UK and USA, and in addition to teaching undergraduate and postgraduate biologists and medical students, he runs an active research laboratory at the University of Leicester, UK, studying the molecular biology and pathogenesis of viruses. He has been awarded numerous grants for educational research and was the inaugural winner of the Society for General Microbiology UK Wildy prize for Education in 2001.

The book is very good, but you have to already have reviewed those forgotten math concepts such as simple algebra and a few other things that the author purposely skipped to get to the details of the book. Unfortunately I ended up returning it after realizing I probably need a book not only to refresh some of the concepts and formulas, but also give me more detailed exercises. I read a few chapters but felt lost without a guide. But the book is a great reference for those already familiar with most mathematical concepts. The author does explain how to apply them very well and the examples are of good use. Before purchasing this book, especially if you're entering the science field or starting college courses in science, make sure to get familiar with algebra, trigonometry, calculus, etc. before diving into this helpful book. Then buy it! Otherwise for those already into it, it's a very small, organized and great book that you can carry in a small purse for those who commute on public transportation.

Unfortunately, I do not have this anymore.

I purchased this book as a stocking stuffer for my daughter who is a psychology major and is not particularly fond of math. She tells me that the book was right-on and considerably helped her out in her labs.

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