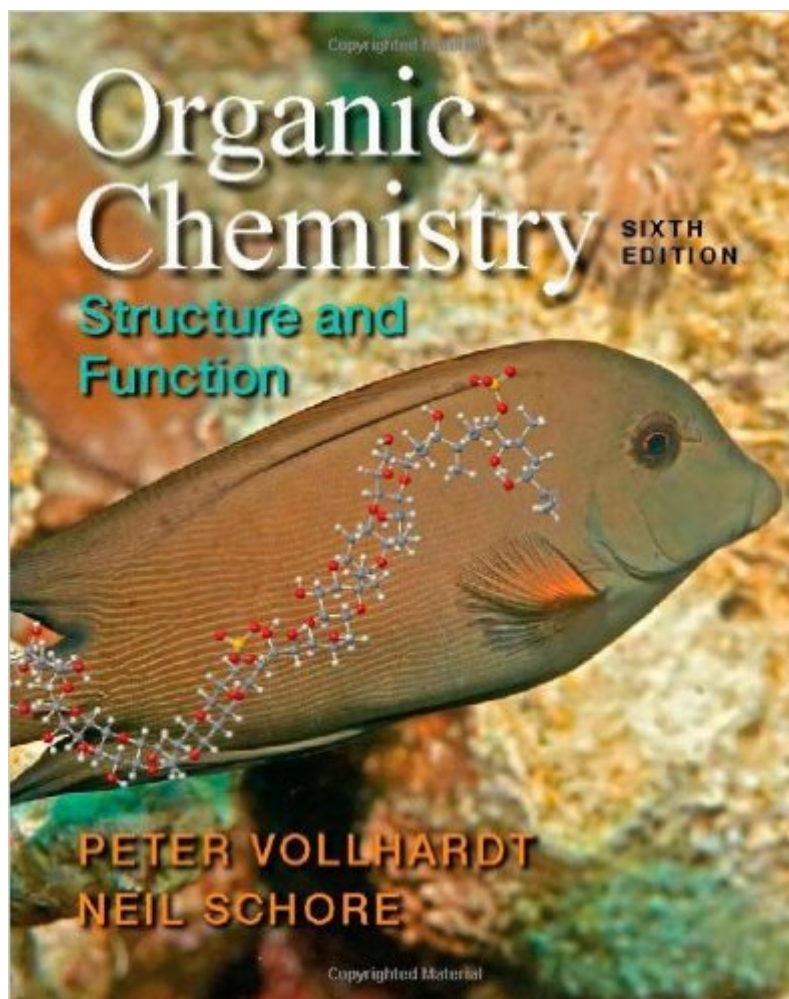


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Overall, this is a solid text for introductory organic chemistry. Explanations in the chapters are generally clear, easy to understand, and accurate. Diagrams and pictures are also fantastic - they are very clear, and very effectively use color to help tell what is happening. The authors emphasize structure/function and mechanism more so than other texts, which I found very useful when it came time to think "out of the box." There are sample problems with solving strategies at the end of every section, along with a nice summary with the important takeaways. These are very helpful in making sure you're keeping up with the content. There are also many asides throughout the text pointing out interesting real-world applications of the topics being covered. The end-of-chapter problems

progress nicely from simple concept-testing problems to longer, (sometimes very) challenging problems at the end. These extra difficult ones are appropriately marked so you don't feel dumb when they take you a while to solve. There is plenty of practice to nicely prepare you for any difficulty of exam. There are no solutions to the end-of-chapter problems in the book, however, so the solution manual/study guide must be purchased separately. It is well-written and worth it. I have two issues with this book. First, there are a few instances in which the authors leave out some structural and mechanistic details for a few important reactions and species. I personally find detailed mechanisms to be very helpful in understand reactions, so I had to find this information elsewhere. I would guess, however, that one would receive information like this in lecture, so this is a minor issue. In the few cases where my desired information was not in the book, it was easy to find on the internet.

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