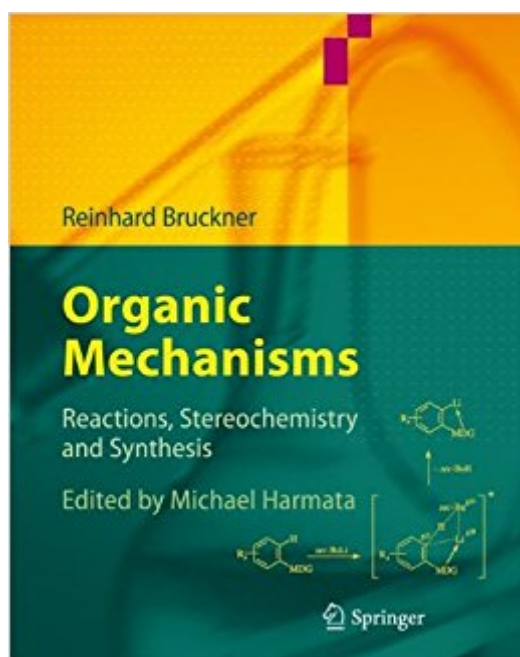


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“Much of life can be understood in rational terms if expressed in the language of chemistry. It is an international language, a language without dialects, a language for all time, a language that explains where we came from, what we are, and where the physical world will allow us to go. Chemical Language has great esthetic beauty and links the physical sciences to the biological sciences.” • from *The Two Cultures: Chemistry and Biology* by Arthur Kornberg (Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine, 1959) Over the past two centuries, chemistry has evolved from a relatively pure disciplinary pursuit to a position of central importance in the physical and life sciences. More generally, it has provided the language and methodology that has unified, integrated and, indeed, molecularized the sciences, shaping our understanding of the molecular world and in so doing the direction, development and destiny of scientific research. The “language of chemistry” referred to by my former Stanford colleague is made up of atoms and bonds and their interactions. It is a system of knowledge that allows us to understand structure and events at a molecular level and increasingly to use that understanding to create new knowledge and beneficial change. The words on this page, for example, are detected by the eye in a series of events, now generally understood at the molecular level.

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Having held in high regard the 1st English edition of Bruckner's textbook *Organic Reaction Mechanisms* I have been waiting

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Professor Dr. Reinhard Brückner arbeitet seit 1998 am Institut für Organische Chemie und Biochemie der Universität Freiburg. Seine Forschungsgebiete sind Naturstoffsynthese und die Entwicklung neuer Methoden im Bereich der Stereoselektiven Synthese. Zuvor war er Professor für Organische Chemie an den Universitäten Würzburg und Göttingen bzw. Gastprofessor an der University of Wisconsin in Madison (USA), der Universidade de Santiago de Compostela (Spanien), der Indiana University Bloomington (USA) und der Tokyo University (Center of Excellence Program).

Ever get confused as to what goes where? When? And why? This book helps to answer some of those questions and leads to deeper understanding of mechanisms if that is what you need to succeed. Some of us need a more in-depth explanation, and that is what this book does. As a stand-alone text, I would caution against using it exclusively if you are not an advanced student. For reference, the beginning organic chemistry student may find it helpful if you do a lot of mechanisms or if you are like me and need to know what the whole picture looks like.

I'm not too far in yet but it seems like good reading. It's referencing back to previous points forcing use of learned knowledge as I go forward. I did find an error on page 27 where the equation was not properly balanced but given the depth of information in the text, I can forgive minor errors.

I would recommend waiting for a revised edition of this book if you are interested in the material covered by Bruckner. This 1st edition unfortunately contained a large number of typographical errors

in the text and in the figures. While some of these errors were minor and had little effect on the overall meaning, other printing mistakes caused significant confusion for the students, including misnamed reagents and figures with mislabeled footnotes. This led to frustration for those trying to understand the material and caused students to lose confidence in the text; the book was consequently difficult to use as a teaching resource. Several students also commented that some of the reaction mechanism figures were hard to follow. The criss-crossing of reaction arrows and organization of structures (for example, Fig. 2.37 and Fig. 6.34) were more distracting than they were clear. A left to right, top to bottom organization of schemes seems to make more sense than ones that split into multiple pathways that go in various directions and cross other arrows or pathways that may or may not be related. The text did cover many good topics and models for understanding organic reactions, and used limited coloring (red arrows and text) to highlight mechanisms in a simple and clear manner. However, an edition that addresses the typographical mistakes would probably be better received.

Look at the cover of the book. The title is "Organic Mechanisms", not "Advanced Organic Chemistry". Overall it is a nice book. If you have specific concerns, the editor provided a mechanism through which you can improve the book. See his preface. I am he. Thanks!! March 20, 2010: There was a title change from "Advanced Organic Chemistry" to "Organic Chemistry". Well, we are almost there!! Change it to "Organic Mechanisms" and I will stop writing here. Give this book a chance my friends. But note that it is a book for thinkers!! Organic chemistry rocks!

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