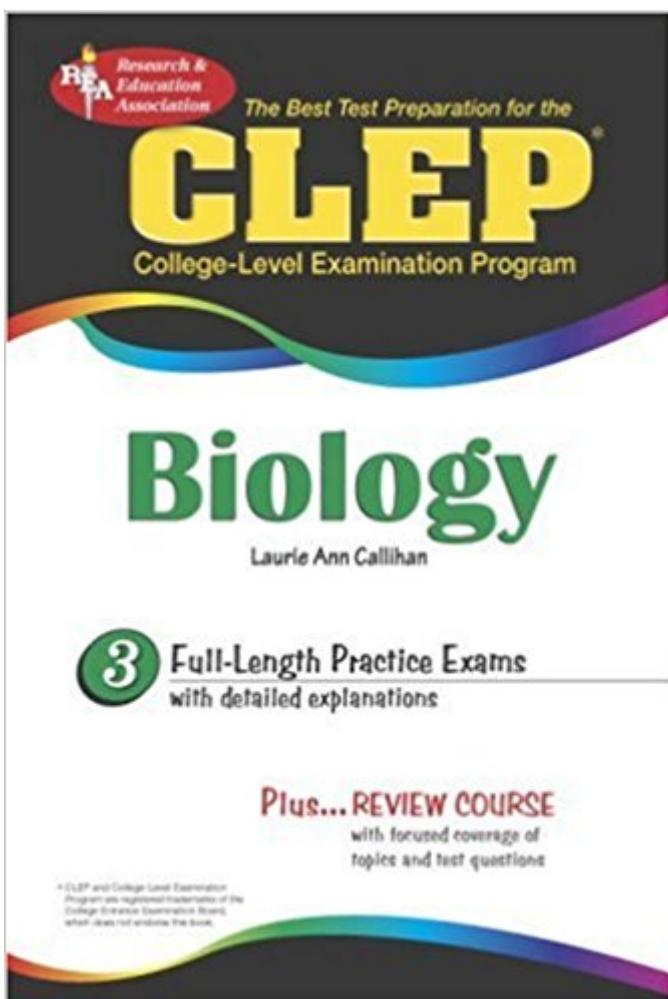


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## **Customer Reviews**

I read this book in its entirety over the past week, and took the Biology CLEP test today. The book does provide fairly comprehensive coverage of the test's subject matter. However, I found the actual exam to be more difficult than I expected. The three practice exams that the book provides are quite good, as they help you to pinpoint topics that you need to review. However, the scores I achieved on the book's practice exams were considerably higher (67 and 68) than the score I got on the actual CLEP test today (56). I'd have to attribute that result to two factors: 1) some of the actual CLEP test's questions were complicated and difficult, especially the ones with graphs and diagrams, and 2) I don't recall the subject matter of some of the test's questions having been covered by this book. That was frustrating and disappointing for me. Nevertheless, I was satisfied with the book. It

was the only material I used to prepare for the test; I knew almost none of the material before I read the book; and yet I passed the exam. That's all I needed from it.

Before taking the Biology CLEP, I had done some other studies in Bio for another test I was taking. There were several biology concepts that I never understood fully until I studied them in this book. The practice tests are great, and the content of the book more than adequately prepared me for the CLEP. After finishing my studies in this book, I had a scare when I took the practice tests in Peterson's CLEP prep book. The Biology questions from Peterson were insanely hard, and included a lot of things that I had never encountered in my previous studies. I felt like they were more on a graduate level of biology, not undergrad, so I was confused which book, REA or Peterson's, was giving me a more accurate idea of what I would be facing. So I came here to .com, and got the feeling from the reviews that the actual CLEP was harder than REA presented it. Having just taken the test this afternoon (and getting a 71/80), I feel that careful preparation from this book is your best bet for doing well on the CLEP Biology. Other college books would be fine too, I'm sure, but this book really shows what CLEP will be asking you, and focuses on preparing you for it. I had some knowledge of biology before, but only after using this book was I able to take the test with confidence.

I studied purely from the REA Biology Clep study guide, and I scored a 67 (50 needed to pass, 80 is perfect). I started with absolutely no knowledge of Biology, and I was able to pass by cramming for 3 days (about 4 hours per day). Therefore, if I were to recommend a study guide without any kind of supplement, it would be the REA CLEP Biology Book. This book was very comprehensive, but there were topics covered in the test that I had not seen in this study guide. I believe that if you have the capability to comprehend and apply concepts (not just memorize facts), you can do reasonably well on the CLEP with no other preparation than this guide. However, if you are the type who memorizes and has trouble generalizing/applying concepts, you may need more preparation than just this guide. That is a decision you will have to make for yourself. Consider reviewing a College-level Biology textbook along with this study guide for a more comprehensive approach. I hope this review helps. Good luck with your test preparation, as the Biology CLEP is somewhat difficult.

This book is good for review before the CLEP General Biology Exam. The book is very short (only about 200 pages of review) so it doesn't cover details. The actual CLEP exam is a bit more difficult than the 3 practice exams that come with the book. Make sure you understand EVERYTHING in

this book since as others have mentioned, this book covers only about 2/3 to 3/4 the material covered on the actual CLEP exam depending on which version of the exam you are given. It may be beneficial to use this book in conjunction with other study aids, online sources, or a textbook to get more review/details if you wish. I scored 80, 79, 80 on the 3 practice exams in this book (thoroughly understanding everything in the review sections) and I scored 69 on the actual exam January 22, 2007. (NOTE: Usually a score above 50 is passing. 80 is a perfect score.)

I found this book to be a very good review for clep biology. I found this is a quicker way to get college credit than taking biology in college. The book is well-written and quite informative. I also studied the following: The Ultimate Study Guide for Biology: Key Review Questions and Answers with Explanations (Topics: Organization of Living Things & Chemistry of Life, Structure and Function of the Cell and Energy Pathways, Reproduction and Heredity, Genetics) Volume 1 The Ultimate Study Guide for Biology: Key Review Questions and Answers with Explanations (Topics: Evolution, Ecology, Kingdom Bacteria, Kingdom Protista, Kingdom Fungi, Viruses, Plant Form and Function) Volume 2 The Ultimate Study Guide for Biology: Key Review Questions and Answers with Explanations (Topics: Kingdom Animalia, Organization of the Animal Body, Animal Form and Function, Animal Reproduction, Development and Behavior) Volume 3 These last three books had great test-prepartion questions for the biology clep. These four books helped me pass with ease.

I recently took the Biology Clep Exam (November 2) and scored a 48 (50 needed to pass). I studied for 2 months. I knew this book in and out -- the Sample Prep Tests 1-3 and the reasons why the other answer selections were not correct. However, I do believe you need to study another Biology book -- I felt maybe a handful of questions were questions I recalled from the Clep Study Guide and the others were foreign to me -- you really had to know your biology to answer these questions (i.e., quite a few case scenarios with charts and graphs). Good Luck!

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