

## Amino Acid Sequences Indicators Of Evolution

*Introductio to bioinformatics. Overview of structural bioinformatics. Database warehousing in bioinformatics. Modeling for bioinformatics. Pattern matching for motifs. Visualization and fractal analysis of biological sequences. Microarray data analysis.*

*This is the story of a profound revolution in the way biologists explore life's history, understand its evolutionary processes, and reveal its diversity. It is about life's smallest entities, deepest diversity, and greatest cellular biomass: the microbiosphere. Jan Sapp introduces us to a new field of evolutionary biology and a new brand of molecular evolutionists who descend to the foundations of evolution on Earth to explore the origins of the genetic system and the primary life forms from which all others have emerged. In so doing, he examines—from Lamarck to the present—the means of pursuing the evolution of complexity, and of depicting the greatest differences among organisms. The New Foundations of Evolution takes us into a world that classical evolutionists could never have imagined: a deep phylogeny based on three domains of life and multiple kingdoms, and created by mechanisms very unlike those considered by Darwin and his followers. Evolution by leaps seems to occur regularly in the microbial world where molecular evolutionists have shown the inheritance of acquired genes and genomes are major modes of evolutionary innovation. Revisiting the history of microbiology for the first time from the perspective of evolutionary biology, Sapp shows why classical Darwinian conceptions centering on questions of the origin of species were forged without a microbial foundation, why classical microbiologists considered it impossible to know the course of evolution, and classical molecular biologists considered the evolution of the molecular genetic system to be beyond understanding. In telling this stirring story of scientific iconoclasm, this book elucidates how the new evolutionary biology arose, what methods and assumptions underpin it, and the fiery controversies that continue to shape biologists' understanding of the foundations of evolution today.*

*The ability to successfully clone genes underlies the majority of our knowledge in molecular and cellular biology. Gene Cloning introduces the diverse array of techniques available to clone genes and how they can be used effectively both in the research laboratory, to gain knowledge about the gene, and for use in biotechnology, medicine, the pharmaceutical industry, and agriculture. It shows how cloning genes is an integral part of genomics and underlines its relevance in the post-genomic age, as a tool required to test predictions of gene regulation and function made through bioinformatics. Applications of gene cloning in medicine, both for diagnosis and treatment, and in the pharmaceutical industry and agriculture, are also covered in the book. Gene Cloning takes a fresh approach to teaching molecular and cellular biology and will be a valuable resource to both undergraduates and lecturers of biological and biomedical science courses.*

*Biotechnology of Microbial Enzymes*  
*A Guide to Common Tools and Databases*  
*Systems Immunology*  
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Patents

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**A 12.5 kilobase segment of *Bacillus subtilis* chromosomal DNA containing the entire pyrimidine biosynthetic (*pyr*) gene cluster has been cloned and sequenced. The cloning of a 10.5 kb *Pst*I fragment of the *B. subtilis* chromosome containing the *pyr* genes was previously reported (Lerner et al., 1987, *J. Bacteriol.* 169, 2202-2206). The sequence of the entire *Pst*I fragment is reported here. In this study, a chromosomal fragment that overlapped the 5' end of the *Pst*I fragment and extended to an *Eco*RI site that was 5 kb upstream was cloned by plasmid rescue. The nucleotide sequence for 2 kb of the newly cloned DNA was also determined. The sequenced DNA has seven cistrons encoding the six enzymes of de novo pyrimidine nucleotide biosynthesis and two open reading frames of unknown function. Based on the sequence and mapping of transcripts, the genes in this cluster appear to be transcribed on one large polycistronic message in the order ORF1, *pyrB*, *pyrC*, *pyrAA*, *pyrAB*, ORF2, *pyrD*, *pyrF*, *pyrE*. The deduced amino acid sequences for six pyrimidine biosynthetic enzymes from *B. subtilis* and comparisons to the corresponding sequences from numerous other species are presented. The 3' ends of the reading frames overlap the 5' ends of the downstream open reading frames for all cistrons in the cluster except ORF1 and *pyrB*, which are separated by a 145 base pair intercistronic region. The start of transcription was mapped by primer extension to a G residue 158 nucleotides upstream from the translation initiation codon of ORF1. This site is preceded by a typical *B. subtilis* sigma A dependent promoter. A promoter indicator plasmid was used to show that this region carried a promoter. Transcription from this promoter was regulated by pyrimidines. Analysis of the nucleotide sequence between the start of transcription and the start of the ORF1 gene reveals a region of dyad symmetry followed by a series of T residues. This putative rho-independent terminator was shown to be important for pyrimidine regulation of the marker gene on the promoter indicator plasmids. No transcripts initiating from the intercistronic space between ORF1 and *pyrB* were detected with S1 nuclease mapping; however, a transcription terminator was detected in this region that reduced but did not fully block transcriptional readthrough. This terminator was not regulated by pyrimidines in the growth medium under the conditions tested. The role, if any, of this transcription terminator in the regulation of *pyr* operon expression is yet to be determined. The presence of a**

**recognition sequence for the Spo0A protein 100 nucleotides upstream from the transcription initiation site of the pyr operon suggests a possible role for this protein in the developmental regulation of the pyr operon.**

**This work pulls together all of the vital information about the most commonly used databases, analytical tools, and tables used in sequence analysis.**

**Genomics has experienced a dramatic development during the last 15-20 years. Data from mammalian genomes such as the human, mouse and rat have already been published, while others such as the dog, cattle and chimpanzee will soon follow. This book summarizes the current knowledge of mammalian genomics and offers a comparative analysis of genomes known today. This analysis includes farm, companion and lab animals. Topics covered include structural and functional aspects of the mammalian genome, mechanisms of genomic changes at the molecular level, evolution of DNA sequences, comparative chromosome mapping and painting, genome databases, gene prediction and the use of genomic information to understand inherited diseases. Contributors include leading researchers from Europe, USA, Australia and Japan.**

**Gene Cloning**

**Sex and the Brain**

**Index issue**

**Production, Biocatalysis and Industrial Applications**

**Structures and Molecular Properties**

**From Expression to Food**

Characterization of the Interaction Between MIER1? and Lysine 27 of Histone 3

There is growing enthusiasm in the scientific community about the prospect of mapping and sequencing the human genome, a monumental project that will have far-reaching consequences in medicine, biology, technology, and other fields. But how will such an effort be organized and funded? How will we develop the new technologies that are needed? What new legal, social, and ethical questions will be raised? Mapping and Sequencing the Human Genome is a blueprint for this proposed project. The authors offer a highly readable explanation of the technical aspects of mapping and sequencing, and they recommend specific interim and long-range research goals, organizational strategies, and funding levels. They also outline some of the legal and social questions that might arise and urge their early consideration by policymakers.

It is a commonly held belief that athletes, particularly body builders, have greater requirements for dietary protein than sedentary individuals. However, the evidence in support of this contention is controversial. This book is the latest in a series of publications designed to inform both civilian and military scientists and personnel about issues related to nutrition and military service. Among many other stressors they experience, soldiers face unique nutritional demands during combat. A particular concern is the role that dietary protein might play in controlling muscle mass and strength, response to injury and infection, and cognitive performance. The first part of the book contains a committee's summary of the workshop, responses to the Army's questions, conclusions, and recommendations. The remainder of the book contains papers contributed by speakers at the workshop on such topics as, the effects of aging and hormones on regulation of muscle mass and function, alterations in protein metabolism due to the stress of injury or infection, the role of individual amino acids, the components of proteins, as neurotransmitters, hormones, and modulators.

of various physiological processes, and the efficacy and safety considerations associated with supplements aimed at enhancing performance.

Biotechnology And Safety Assessment

Dietary Reference Intakes for Energy, Carbohydrate, Fiber, Fat, Fatty Acids, Cholesterol, Proteins, and Amino Acids

Robustness and Evolvability in Living Systems

Feature Representation and Learning Methods With Applications in Protein Secondary Structure

Diabetes Literature Index

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Disordered proteins are relatively recent newcomers in protein science. They were first described in detail by Wright and Dyson, in their J. Mol. Biol. paper in 1999. First, it was generally thought for more than a decade that disordered proteins or disordered parts of proteins have different amino acid compositions than folded proteins, and various prediction methods were developed based on this principle. These methods were suitable for distinguishing between the disordered (unstructured) and structured proteins known at that time. In addition, they could predict the site where a folded protein binds to the disordered part of a protein, shaping the latter into a well-defined 3D structure. Recently, however, evidence has emerged for a new type of disordered protein family whose members can undergo coupled folding and binding without the involvement of any folded proteins. Instead, they interact with each other, stabilizing their structure via "mutual synergistic folding" and, surprisingly, they exhibit the same residue composition as the folded protein. Increasingly more examples have been found where disordered proteins interact with non-protein macromolecules, adding to the already large variety of protein-protein interactions. There is also a very new phenomenon when proteins are involved in phase separation, which can represent a weak but functionally important macromolecular interaction. These phenomena are presented and discussed in the chapters of this book.

Principles of Modern Microbiology presents an authoritative, balanced introduction to microbiology for majors. Ideal for the one-semester course, the text provides a manageable amount of detail, omitting topics that were previously taught in prerequisite courses, while still maintaining a level of intellectual rigor appropriate for students at this level. A dynamic art program presents accurate molecular & cellular images in an innovative 3-D like style, while the author's clear, student-friendly writing style helps students grasp difficult concepts. Great Experiments boxes throughout the text describe real-world experiments and allow students to gain a clear sense of the experimental process as it applies to microbiology. Complete with a wealth of student and instructor resources, Principles of Modern Microbiology is sure to engage and inspire majors who are looking to expand their knowledge of the many facets of microbiology."

Amino acid sequence analysis is useful for the study of problems ranging from modifications of single molecules to complex networks and interactions of species. Many available amino acid sequences are providing the basis for various studies at the proteome level. The dynamics of protein expression and the simulation of complex biological systems in which proteins interact with certain kinetics and in their respective compartments are just about to be tackled. Amino acid sequences will be crucial reference points for such studies. Mass spectrometric analysis of proteins Protein sequence databases Amino acid substitution matrices Amino acid-based phylogeny and alignment Individual variation in protein-coding sequences of the human genome Identifying nature's protein Lego® set

Gene Patents and Other Genomic Inventions

Bioinformatics Technologies

Functional Organization, Nucleotide Sequence and Regulation of the Bacillus Subtilis

Pyrimidine Biosynthetic Operon

Hearing Before the Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property of the Committee on the Judiciary, House of Representatives, One Hundred Sixth Congress, Second Session, July 13, 2000

### The New Foundations of Evolution

#### The Proteins

*This collection of foundational papers on sex differences in the brain traces the development of a much-invoked, fast-growing young field at the intersection of brain and behavior. The reader is introduced to the meaning and nature of sexual dimorphisms, the mechanisms and consequences of steroid hormone action, and the impact of the field on interpretations of sexuality and gender. Building on each other in point-counterpoint fashion, the papers tell a fascinating story of an emerging science working out its core assumptions. Experimental and theoretical papers, woven together by editor's introductions, open a window onto knowledge in the making and a vigorous debate between reductionist and pluralist interpreters. Five major sections include papers on conceptual and methodological background, central nervous system dimorphisms, mechanisms for creating dimorphisms, dimorphisms and cognition, and dimorphisms and identity. Each section builds from basic concepts to early experiments, from experimental models to humans, and from molecules to mind. Papers by such leading scholars as Arthur Arnold, Frank Beach, Anne Fausto-Sterling, Patricia Goldman-Rakic, Doreen Kimura, Simon LeVay, Bruce McEwen, Michael Merzenich, Bertram O'Malley, Geoffrey Raisman, and Dick Swaab, illustrate a rich blend of perspectives, approaches, methods, and findings. Sex and the Brain will show students how a scientific paper can be analyzed from many perspectives, and supply them with critical tools for judging a rapidly emerging science in a contentious area.*

*Responding to the expansion of scientific knowledge about the roles of nutrients in human health, the Institute of Medicine has developed a new approach to establish Recommended Dietary Allowances (RDAs) and other nutrient reference values. The new title for these values Dietary Reference Intakes (DRIs), is the inclusive name being given to this new approach. These are quantitative estimates of nutrient intakes applicable to healthy individuals in the United States and Canada. This new book is part of a series of books presenting dietary reference values for the intakes of nutrients. It establishes recommendations for energy, carbohydrate, fiber, fat, fatty acids, cholesterol, protein, and amino acids. This book presents new approaches and findings which include the following: The establishment of Estimated Energy Requirements at four levels of energy expenditure Recommendations for levels of physical activity to*

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decrease risk of chronic disease The establishment of RDAs for dietary carbohydrate and protein The development of the definitions of Dietary Fiber, Functional Fiber, and Total Fiber The establishment of Adequate Intakes (AI) for Total Fiber The establishment of AIs for linolenic and  $\alpha$ -linolenic acids Acceptable Macronutrient Distribution Ranges as a percent of energy intake for fat, carbohydrate, linolenic and  $\alpha$ -linolenic acids, and protein Research recommendations for information needed to advance understanding of macronutrient requirements and the adverse effects associated with intake of higher amounts Also detailed are recommendations for both physical activity and energy expenditure to maintain health and decrease the risk of disease.

Contains abstracts of papers presented at meeting of the Society for General Microbiology.

First in Fly

Composite Index for CRC Handbooks

Molecular Insect Science

Drosophila Research and Biological Discovery

Bibliography of Medical Reviews

The Role of Protein and Amino Acids in Sustaining and Enhancing Performance

***Biotechnology of Microbial Enzymes: Production, Biocatalysis and Industrial Applications provides a complete survey of the latest innovations on microbial enzymes, highlighting biotechnological advances in their production and purification along with information on successful applications as biocatalysts in several chemical and industrial processes under mild and green conditions. Applications of microbial enzymes in food, feed, and pharmaceutical industries are given particular emphasis. The application of recombinant DNA technology within industrial fermentation and the production of enzymes over the last 20 years have produced a host of useful chemical and biochemical substances. The power of these technologies results in novel transformations, better enzymes, a wide variety of applications, and the unprecedented development of biocatalysts through the ongoing integration of molecular biology methodology, all of which is covered insightfully and in-depth within the book. Features research on microbial enzymes from basic science through application in multiple industry sectors for a comprehensive approach Includes information on metabolic pathway engineering, metagenomic screening, microbial genomes, extremophiles, rational design, directed evolution, and more Provides a holistic approach to the research of microbial enzymes***

***Acetylation (ac) and tri-methylation (me3) of lysine number 27 on histone 3 (H3K27) play a very important role for early development and differentiation in embryonic stem cells, and often determine which cell type- specific processes are silenced and activated. H3K27 marked genes are often aberrantly expressed in adult cancers. When H3K27 is tri-methylated (H3K27me3), it is an indicator for a transcriptionally inactive gene. When H3K27 is acetylated (H3K27ac), it is an indicator for a transcriptionally active gene. This study focused on determining the binding site for H3K27ac within the mesoderm induction early response 1 (MIER1) protein, a fibroblast growth factor (FGF) inducible early response gene that is known to recruit chromatin modifiers and transcription factors for gene repression. The first 83 amino acids of MIER1 had been previously shown to bind H3K27ac. Alignment verification of the first 83 amino acids of MIER1 between different species revealed highly conserved sequences that represent the potential binding site. Site directed mutagenesis was employed to mutate highly conserved hydrophobic aromatic amino acid sequences in the full-length***

*protein, as well as create deletion constructs. The mutated MIER1 proteins were then tested against wild type MIER1 protein for their ability to bind H3K27ac in peptide pull down assays. The results of this study have localized the C-terminal end of the 83 amino acid binding site to amino acids 36-50, and have shown that the amino acid sequence 38TLE40 is required in part for binding.*

*Organized on a combined basis of chronology and of structural and functional hierarchy, This comprehensive text describes all aspects of proteins--biosynthesis, evolution, dynamics, ligand binding, catalysis, and energy transduction--not just their structures. This edition (first was 1984) is thoroughly updated--especially in the area of protein biosynthesis--and features end-of-chapter exercises and problems, many of which require the student to consult the cited literature in order to obtain the answer. Annotation copyright by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR*

*On the Tree of Life*

*10th Edition*

*Mammalian Genomics*

*An Introduction to Modeling Methods for Scientists*

*Characterization of the Interaction Between MIER1 $\beta$  and Lysine 27 of Histone 3*

*Angiosperm Pollen and Ovules*

This volume contains the scientific papers and abstracts of posters presented at the International Symposium on Molecular Insect Science held in Tucson, Arizona, October 22-27, 1989. This meeting was organized by the Center for Insect Science at the University of Arizona in response to the growing need for a forum dedicated to the impact of modern biology on insect science. While scientific studies of a few insects, notably *Drosophila melanogaster*, have always had a central role in the development of biology, it is only recently that tools have become available to extend these studies to other insects, including those having economic and medical importance. The Tucson meeting was evidence of how far we have come in extending modern biological tools to the study of insects. It is also evident from the contents of this book that the study of insects is making an increasingly important contribution to the advancement of biology generally. Given the large impact of insects on human life, such a development has considerable importance for human welfare, and of the welfare of the ecosystem as a whole. It should be noted that several of the participants who presented posters were invited to prepare full length papers to ensure that the book covered the major areas of insect science. The financial support of the National Science Foundation and the Monsanto Corporation is gratefully acknowledged. Thanks are also due to Sharon Richards for her dedicated work on the manuscripts. Henry H.

The Proteins, Third Edition, Volume IV is a four-chapter text that explores the unifying concepts of protein chemistry and the methods of analysis that can be applied to most proteins. The first chapter deals with the biological origins and subsequent evolution of proteins. This chapter also provides the various procedures for comparing amino acid sequences and for establishing the relatedness of protein structures. A discussion on gene duplication as a principal vehicle of evolutionary change is also included in this chapter. Chapter 2 focuses on chromosomal proteins, such as those proteins associated with the genetic material of eukaryotic organisms, specifically the protamines, the histones, and the "nonhistone" proteins. Chapter 3 is devoted to contractile proteins of muscle. This chapter describes the molecular processes whereby chemical energy is converted into the mechanical energy required for the propulsion of living creatures. The structure and function of the individual proteins of the contractile apparatus and their organization as evidenced by light and electron microscopy and by X-ray analysis are also covered. Chapter 4 deals with collagen, an

important constituent of the extracellular connective tissues in animals and one of the most abundant proteins. This chapter emphasizes the biosynthesis of collagen fibrils. Organic chemists and researchers, teachers and undergraduate students will find this book invaluable.

A single species of fly, *Drosophila melanogaster*, has been the subject of scientific research for more than one hundred years. Stephanie Elizabeth Mohr explains why this tiny insect merits such intense scrutiny, and how laboratory findings made first in flies have expanded our understanding of human health and disease.

Milk Proteins

Proteins

Mapping our genes : the genome projects : how big, how fast?

Mapping and Sequencing the Human Genome

Environmental Biochemistry and Physiology

Recommended Dietary Allowances

**The subject of this volume is the reproductive biology of plants. A steadily growing interest in this field is the result of at least two factors, as pointed out with great foresight by one of the driving forces in the field, H.E Linskens (Linskens 1964): most of the food consumed by humans takes the form of plant reproductive parts, and molecular biology now provides powerful tools for investigating and manipulating plant reproductive systems. Molecular biology and the allied discipline of biotechnology are solidly represented in the papers in this book. The editors of Angiosperm Pollen and Ovules believe that the chapters herein contain some of the most exciting findings of contemporary biology, and hope that the readers of this book will share their enthusiasm. The editors express sincere and grateful thanks for help from Carla Frova, Enrico Pe, and especially to Giorgio Binelli, all of the University of Milan. Without these three tireless and enthusiastic individuals it would not have been possible to maintain the apparently effortless proceeding of this congress. We thank also the organizing committee and the organizations that generously provided financial support (both listed below). Finally, we extend thanks to M. Cresti, D. Charlesworth, D. Hess, E Hoekstra, R. Bruce Knox, J.P. Mascarenhas, M.E. Nasrallah, P.L. Pfahler, A. Snow, and M.T.M. Willemse for chairing sessions.**

**The Mollusca**

**"Taken together, the body of information contained in this book provides readers with a bird's-eye view of different aspects of exciting work at the convergence of disciplines that will ultimately lead to a future where we understand how immunity is regulated, and how we can harness this knowledge toward practical ends that reduce human suffering. I commend the editors for putting this volume together." -Arup K. Chakraborty, Robert T. Haslam Professor of Chemical Engineering, and Professor of Physics, Chemistry, and Biological Engineering,**



Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, USA New experimental techniques in immunology have produced large and complex data sets that require quantitative modeling for analysis. This book provides a complete overview of computational immunology, from basic concepts to mathematical modeling at the single molecule, cellular, organism, and population levels. It showcases modern mechanistic models and their use in making predictions, designing experiments, and elucidating underlying biochemical processes. It begins with an introduction to data analysis, approximations, and assumptions used in model building. Core chapters address models and methods for studying immune responses, with fundamental concepts clearly defined. Readers from immunology, quantitative biology, and applied physics will benefit from the following: Fundamental principles of computational immunology and modern quantitative methods for studying immune response at the single molecule, cellular, organism, and population levels. An overview of basic concepts in modeling and data analysis. Coverage of topics where mechanistic modeling has contributed substantially to current understanding. Discussion of genetic diversity of the immune system, cell signaling in the immune system, immune response at the cell population scale, and ecology of host-pathogen interactions.

**Principles of Modern Microbiology**

**General Endocrinology**

**Analysis of Amino Acid Sequences**

**The Mollusca**

**Sequence Analysis in a Nutshell: A Guide to Tools**

In recent years, there has been a great deal of progress in the understanding and management of milk proteins across the production chain. Milk Proteins takes a uniquely comprehensive look at those developments and presents them in a one-source overview. By providing a brief overview of each topic area, and then describing the most important recent advances therein, the "field-to-table" approach of this book provides specialists with new and directly relevant information in their own areas, along with information from complementary research fields, allowing them to contextualize their work within the larger pictures. At the same time it provides generalists with a complete overview and offers insights into topics for more in-depth reading. Covering areas that are receiving attention from people of many fields -- genomics, functional foods -- and including the latest research and developments in milk-protein phenomenon and interactions, this book will be an ideal resource for professionals and students alike. A fresh look at recent developments across the entire production chain -- from animal genetics to nutritional and nutrigenomic needs of the customer Up-to-date information from internationally-recognised authors from both academic and commercial resources

This updated text explains how advances in mammalian and plant genetics contribute to better therapeutics agents and more wholesome foods. It addresses such topics as new pharmaceutical agents, agribiotechnology, safety evaluation of biotechnology-derived drugs, food safety, nutritional science, and regulatory and environmental aspects of genetically-modified organisms. New to this edition are chapters on biotherapeutics and herbicide-resistant crops. It should be of interest to biotechnology, toxicologists, pharmaceutical scientists, environmental scientists and agriculturists.

Since its introduction in 1943 Recommended Dietary Allowances has become the accepted source of

nutrient allowances for healthy people. These Recommended Dietary Allowances (RDAs) are used throughout the food and health fields. Additionally, RDAs serve as the basis for the U.S. Recommended Daily Allowances, the Food and Drug Administration's standards for nutrition labeling of foods. The 10th Edition includes research results and expert interpretations from years of progress in nutrition research since the previous edition and provides not only RDAs but also "Estimated Safe and Adequate Daily Dietary Intakes" — "provisional values for nutrients where data were insufficient to set an RDA. Organized by nutrient for ready reference, the volume reviews the function of each nutrient in the human body, sources of supply, effects of deficiencies and excessive intakes, relevant study results, and more. The volume concludes with the invaluable "Summary Table of Recommended Dietary Allowances," a convenient and practical summary of the recommendations.

Potential Prognostic Indicators for Canine Hemangiosarcoma

Introduction to Protein Sequence Analysis

The Journal of General Microbiology

Analysis of the Chicken Genome for Genes Encoding Embryonic Stem Cell Indicators

Functionally Relevant Macromolecular Interactions of Disordered Proteins

Identification and Characterization of a Novel Cartilage Gene Product CLIP, which is an Early Indicator of Osteoarthritis

All living things are remarkably complex, yet their DNA is unstable, undergoing countless random mutations over generations. Despite this instability, most animals do not grow two heads or die, plants continue to thrive, and bacteria continue to divide. *Robustness and Evolvability in Living Systems* tackles this perplexing paradox. The book explores why genetic changes do not cause organisms to fail catastrophically and how evolution shapes organisms' robustness. Andreas Wagner looks at this problem from the ground up, starting with the alphabet of DNA, the genetic code, RNA, and protein molecules, moving on to genetic networks and embryonic development, and working his way up to whole organisms. He then develops an evolutionary explanation for robustness. Wagner shows how evolution by natural selection preferentially finds and favors robust solutions to the problems organisms face in surviving and reproducing. Such robustness, he argues, also enhances the potential for future evolutionary innovation. Wagner also argues that robustness has less to do with organisms having plenty of spare parts (the redundancy theory that has been popular) and more to do with the reality that mutations can change organisms in ways that do not substantively affect their fitness. Unparalleled in its field, this book offers the most detailed analysis available of all facets of robustness within organisms. It will appeal not only to biologists but also to engineers interested in the design of robust systems and to social scientists concerned with robustness in human communities and populations.