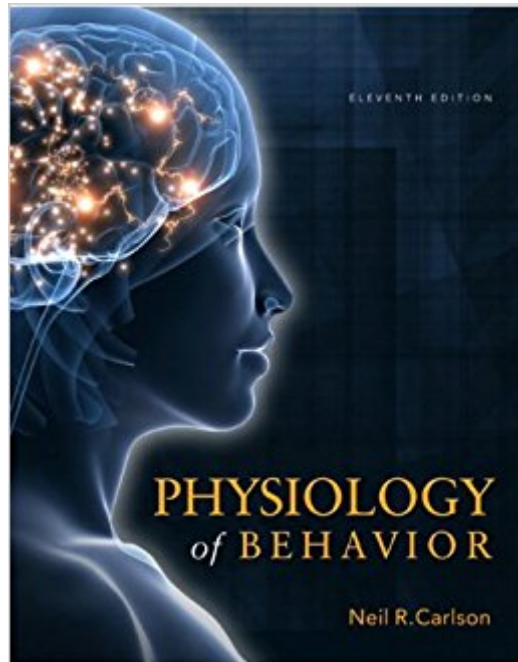


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I pursued my undergraduate studies at the University of Illinois. I had planned to study nuclear physics, but when I discovered in an introductory psychology course that psychology was really a science, I decided that was what I wanted to do. Before changing my major, I talked with several professors and visited their laboratories, and when I saw what physiological psychologists do, I knew that I had found my niche. I stayed on at Illinois and received my Ph.D. Then, after a two-year postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Iowa, I came to the University of Massachusetts, where I've been ever since. When I arrived at UMass I established a laboratory where I investigated the role of the limbic system in species-typical and learned behaviors, continuing work I had done at the University of Illinois. I received several Biomedical Research Support Grants and a research grant from NICHD. As I became more involved in textbook writing, I began to focus my attention more and more on this activity and on my teaching. I took the opportunity afforded by my first sabbatical leave to write the first edition of *Physiology of Behavior*. I very much enjoyed the experience, and this endeavor taught me much more about behavioral neuroscience. I was gratified with the positive response of my students and of the colleagues who adopted the book. The pleasure provided by this response and by the enjoyment of keeping up with the literature and writing about it has kept me going for 11 editions. (I have no plans to stop writing.) I retired from UMass in the fall of 2004 but continue to keep up with developments in the field of behavioral neuroscience and revise my book. The Psychology Department has kindly let me keep an office at the university, which makes it easier for me to continue interacting with my former colleagues. My interests outside of writing include spending time with our family, traveling, fly fishing, skiing, and flying our small airplane." --Neil Carlson

This was the primary text in a PhD level physiological psychology course. This is A LOT of information and the author should be appreciated for getting it into an intelligent order/presentation. I

don't know if the problems are more editing and production. Many of the topics appear more than once with different information in different sections. So there is some disorder. This is somewhat due to a macro to micro view or maybe general systems to specific functions. The FAILURE is the index. Many important passages are just left out of the index. There might be one or two references to an item and you realize that the one you are looking for is not there. I can't really understand this, since it should be easy to do electronically. I don't know who was deciding to leave what references out. Certainly for the cost of the text we needn't spare four or five pages of index. Anyway, frustrating and unnecessary. I'm not a big fan of Carlson's writing style, but it isn't a novel, it works for what it does. Perhaps it isn't really PhD level material for a primary text....

This book had, in my opinion, just the right amount of information: the chapters were not too long or overloaded with unnecessary details, but each topic was covered fairly in- depth, and throughout confusing or particularly interesting concepts were highlighted with extra information. This book is a really nice foundation for an introductory behavioral neuroscience course; I still refer to it from time to time. The writing style is easy to read and the case files associated with each chapter add interest. This was one of my favorite textbooks. MyPsychKit access often isn't available from the publisher right after a new edition is released; sometimes you have to wait for it to become available. has updated the book's description page to reflect that now, however, so I am giving the book five stars.

Giving this textbook 5 stars because I used this thing more than any other college book during my 4 years of college. This book was required for a intro to neuroscience course I was taking. During the time I was taking this class I was taking 18 credit hours and this was the hardest course out of all 5 classes I was taking. And to make it worse, I was taking it online. But yeah, the book was very helpful with the course even though everything we were tested/quizzed on in that class was based on the professors online lecture videos.

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This textbook was great! The author has somehow found a way to take a semi-boring subject (in my opinion), and made it extremely interesting to read. The content is well-organized, very informative,

and even humorous at times. This was a great read, and one of the better textbooks I've had to buy during college.

Carlson's seminal book on physiopsychology covers an incredible amount of material from structure of the nervous system to disorders, psychopharmacology, neuroscience, and sleep. Even in this 9th edition, though, there are numerous typographical/editing errors (some significant, such as mislabeling a figure as postsynaptic when it should be presynaptic). The graphics, which are lauded in the book, aren't very contemporary-looking and at times it is hard to figure out what is going on in them. All in all though, as one of the most well-respected physiopsychology texts out there, it is well-written and covers a vast array of topics.

The book was in great condition...A little highliting as it stated in the description but it was very helpful when it came to certain assignments within that chapter!

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