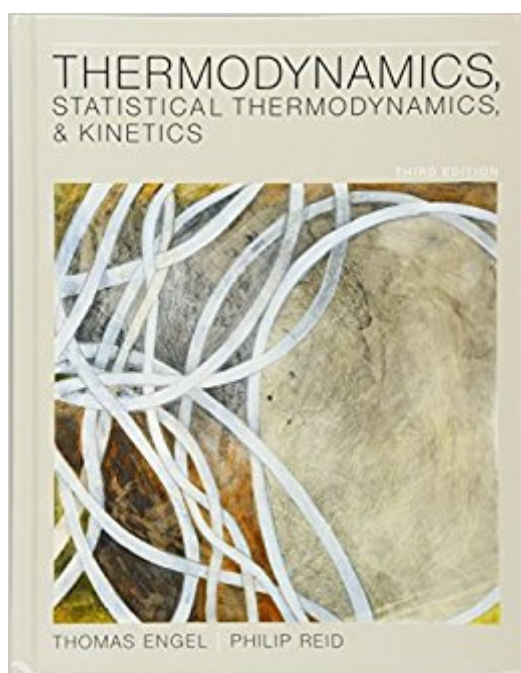


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This textbook is hard to follow and does not provide you with enough information to complete all of the problems they give you. Some of the answers to the problems in the back of the book also contain errors, which is extremely annoying. Honestly, no one in my physical chemistry class uses it; we just study our class notes, and our professor does a wonderful job at clearly and thoroughly explaining all of the concepts. If you are a student, please do not waste your money on this "textbook." If you really, really need it for a class, then, I would recommend getting a way cheaper version of it.

The book explains concepts in very obtuse ways. I had to rely on other sources to understand most material in the later chapters. On the other hand, it is very annoying that some key concepts are explained solely within the contexts of overly-simplified example problems. For those with strong calculus backgrounds, the logic of this book shouldn't be too difficult to follow. For others, not so much.

Poorly written, obtuse, and at times flat out unhelpful. I learned more by googling topics than by wasting my time struggling to decipher this text.

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