

About The Book

Organic Chemistry

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Where It's At

I have posted 21 "full" chapters which include the figures merged with the text. Each of these *pdf* documents also includes a cover page showing the book's chapter names and order, followed by a table of contents for the individual chapter with page numbers,.

Under the link to each chapter, you can also access a folder that includes separate files for the components of each chapter, as well as a folder with the individual figures in *gif* format.

When you look at the Book Contents you will see a list of 23 chapters. I am presently writing/editing *Chapter 19* and will periodically post intermediate drafts. *Chapter 6* is a concept that I have not yet begun.

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I have posted this book for you to freely read online, to freely download, and to freely copy for your personal use as a reference for your studies of, organic chemistry. But I am the author. It is my intellectual property. Don't steal it. Don't use it for financial gain. Don't take my name off of it, or add your name or anyone else's name to it. Thanks!

Its and My History

I began writing this organic chemistry text in 1992 while I was a chemistry faculty member at the University of California, Riverside (UCR). My initial goal was to first write the complete book and then see if there was a publisher interested in it. Along the way things happened.

A good friend of mine, and successful textbook author*, urged me to seek a publisher early in the process. I did that and shortly obtained a contract with a major publisher of chemistry texts. But this "marriage" did not survive for several reasons - some due to me and some due to it. In the end, we parted, I retired from my 35-year teaching position at UCR in 1998, and immediately moved to Santa Barbara.

On arriving in Santa Barbara, I began to “hang-out” in the UCSB chemistry department and am still “hanging-out.” From 2000 through 2008, I was given the opportunity to do part-time teaching in UCSB sophomore organic chemistry courses, as well as in freshman general chemistry. And I took a long, hard look at what I had written before leaving UCR.

That realistic look at my initial writing efforts was revealing. I thought I was a reasonably good writer, but what I saw objectively had flaws. So I began the task of rewriting what I had written, and then continued writing new chapters. You will see the writing history of each chapter in the chapter “header”.

In 2003, I decided to begin posting my writing online while I was still writing. I first posted chapters in a Yahoo Briefcase under the user name *orgchembyneuman*. When Yahoo Briefcases disappeared, I was generously allowed to post on the UCSB chemistry server and that is where it is presently located and available at <web.chem.ucsb.edu/~neuman/orgchembyneuman.book/>.

As my writing progressed, I settled on a book with 23 chapters. Of those 23 chapters, I have “finished” all except Chapter 6 and Chapter 19. I was working on Chapter 19 when I decided to reformat the figures for the completed chapters and merge them with the chapter text. I have now done that for the other 21 chapters.

Thanks so much for being interested in what I have done. Send me comments if you wish! Take a minute to read “*About Me*”, and check out the “*Detailed Contents*” that includes both what's in the posted chapters, as well as those not yet posted!

** Tragically, Neil Campbell, an incredibly successful author of biology textbooks, who was my mentor and friend at UCR, had a sudden fatal coronary event on October 21, 2004 at the age of 58. I have included his obituary both on my website and on this website.*

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