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“This should be provided to all beginning graduate students entering microscopy labs. It describes the complicated hardware of the system, while also explaining the physics principles of microscopy on a simplistic level for basic biologists. The authors achieve a perfect balance of theory and methods.”  
(*Doody's*, 15 November 2013)

“It should be particularly useful to researchers getting started in the field of microscopy as well as seasoned professionals. Summing Up: Highly recommended. Graduate students, researchers/faculty, and professionals/practitioners.” (*Choice*, 1 October 2013)

“In summary, Fundamentals of Light Microscopy, Second Edition is a recommended starting point for the novice in microscopy and electronic imaging.” (*Journal of Biomedical Optics*, 1 February 2013)

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"This book will provide individuals without background knowledge in optical physics, electronics, or image processing with many of the basic facts they need to know to understand both the power and limitations of their images."

—*Cell Biology Education* on the First Edition

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- Fundamentals of Light Microscopy
- Light and Color
- Illuminators, Filters, and the Isolation of Specific Wavelengths
- Lenses and Geometrical Optics
- Diffraction and Interference in Image Formation
- Diffraction and Spatial Resolution
- Phase Contrast Microscopy and Darkfield Microscopy
- Properties of Polarized Light
- Polarization Microscopy
- Differential Interference Contrast (DIC) Microscopy and Modulation Contrast Microscopy

- Fluorescence Microscopy
- Fluorescence Imaging of Dynamic Molecular Processes
- Confocal Laser Scanning Microscopy
- Two-Photon Excitation Fluorescence Microscopy
- Superresolution Imaging
- Imaging Living Cells with the Microscope
- Fundamentals of Digital Imaging
- Digital Imaging Processing

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