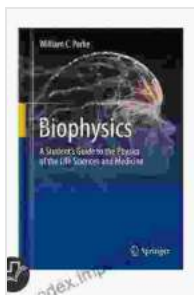


# Student Guide to the Physics of the Life Sciences and Medicine: Unraveling the Mysteries of Nature

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Delve into the fundamental concepts that bridge physics and biology. Understand the origins of biophysics, its scope, and the captivating questions it explores. Discover how physicists and biologists collaborate to unravel the mysteries of life, from the molecular level to the complexities of living organisms.

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Explore the intricate world of cells and tissues through the lens of physics. Learn how the properties of materials, such as elasticity and viscosity, influence cellular processes. Witness the role of forces, such as surface tension and pressure gradients, in shaping cell behavior and tissue organization.

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Unveil the remarkable physics behind biological molecules, the building blocks of life. Examine the forces that govern molecular interactions, including hydrogen bonding, van der Waals forces, and hydrophobic effects. Discover how these interactions determine the structure and function of proteins, nucleic acids, and other essential biomolecules.

## **Chapter 4: Transport Phenomena in Biological Systems**

Witness the remarkable interplay of physics and biology as we explore the movement of substances within and between cells and tissues. Understand the mechanisms of diffusion, osmosis, and active transport, which are crucial for nutrient delivery, waste removal, and cell signaling.

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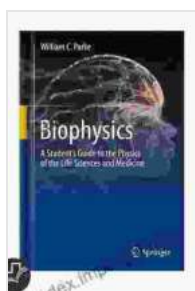
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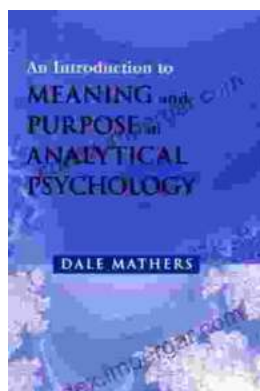
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