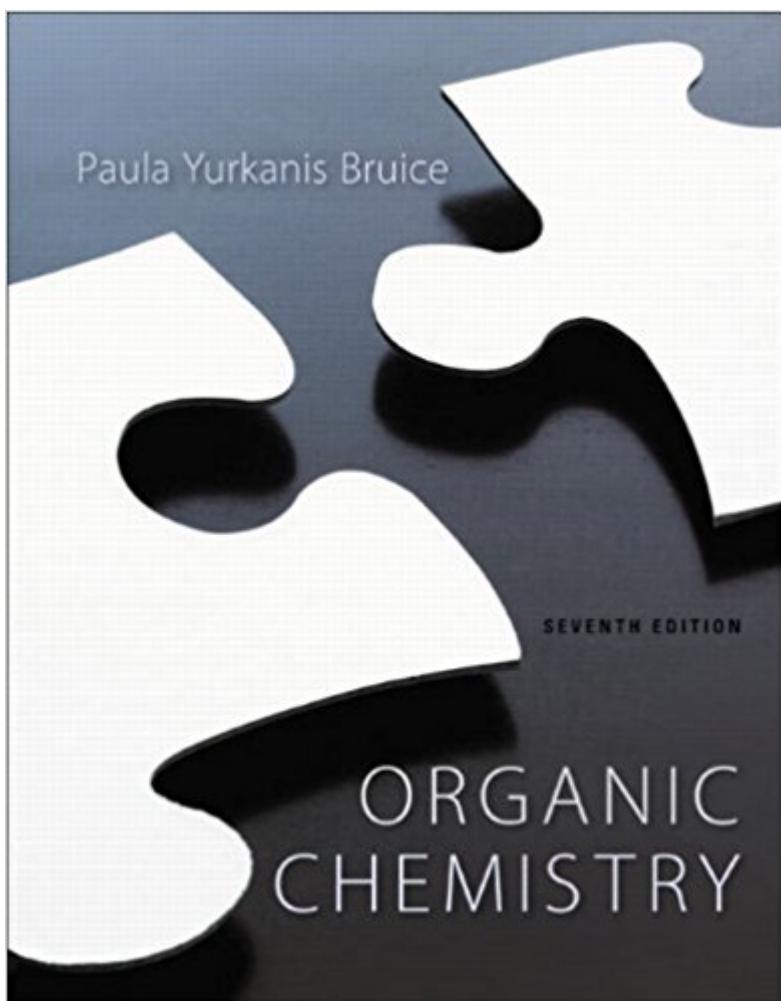


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This is by far the worst organic chemistry textbook I have used, and is probably one of the worst textbooks I have ever come across. Aside from those who thought that placing their reviews under the product page was the same thing as rating the seller, I have no idea why there are so many positive reviews for it. It is excessively verbose, often confusingly worded, and generally ordered in a very discontinuous, confusing way. Really the only good thing about the ordering is that Bruice discusses stereochemistry near the beginning of the book (chapter 4), prior to even discussing any of the reactions, while other books tend to address it much later. By tackling it early, students are much better able to understand how the molecules take shape after the reactions occur. Unfortunately, many other important topics are oddly disjointed and poorly presented. For example, she discusses the criteria for aromaticity and Huckel's rule in chapter 8, but then doesn't actually go into the reactions of benzene and aromatic compounds until chapter 19. Chapter 12 deals with organometallic reactions, like the Grignard reagents, but Bruice does not explain their

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