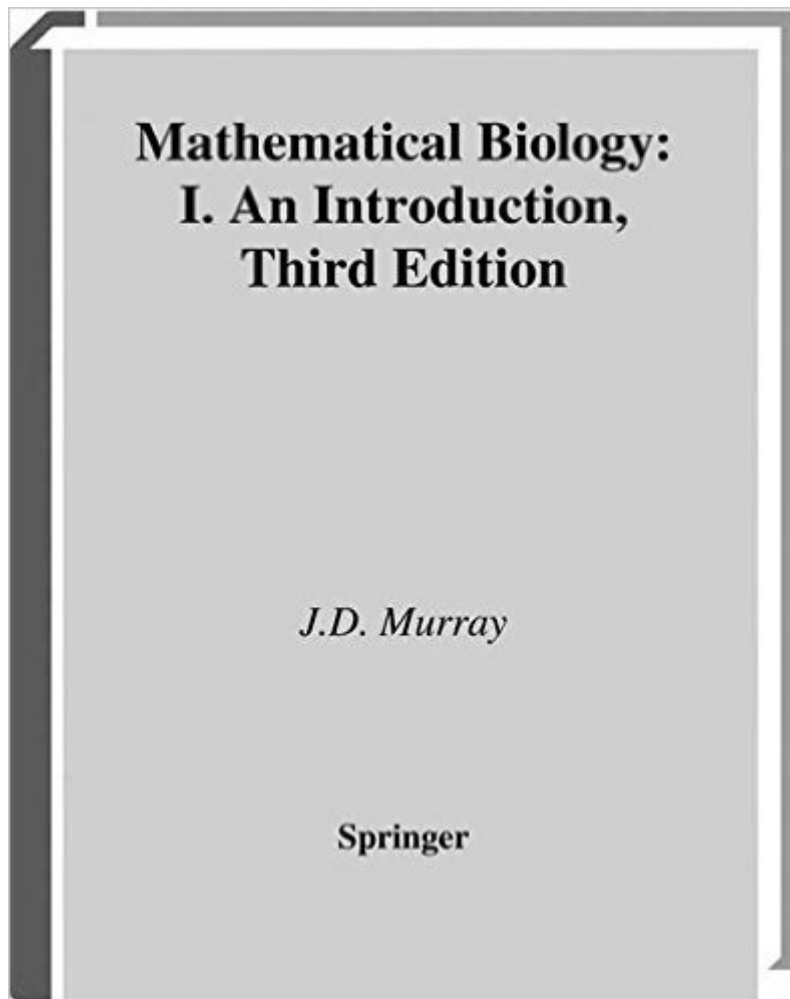


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This text is simply an outstanding experience, not only for life science related issues, but relevant also for chemistry, physics, mathematics, and social sciences. The presentation sequence of the models and their level of presentation as well as their relevance is impressive. I recommend the experience to every curious mind, interested in the processes that rule nature as described by mathematics. The price-quality relation is best.

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