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Review

"This text provides an overview of important topics in biomedical gerontology. Geriatricians, medical researchers and practitioners, psychologists, sociologists, and graduate students will find this volume useful."

--BIOSIS

"Many of the chapters provide outstanding coverage of their subject areas. For example, the chapter by Campis and her associates is the best that I have encountered in regard to the use of the cell culture system as a model for study of organismic senescence; these authors thoughtfully evaluate the evidence for and against the value of this model and leave the reader with a clear picture of its current status. Thus, properly used, this **Handbook** can be a valuable resource for both investigators and students of biological gerontology."

--Edward J. Masoro, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, Department of Physiology, University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, in GERONTOLOGIST

From the Back Cover

The **Fifth Edition** of the **Handbook of the Biology of Aging** continues the tradition of providing a comprehensive overview of some of the most important topics in biomedical gerontology. Beginning with an introduction to concepts and theories of aging, the book is then divided into three main sections covering cellular processes in organismic aging, systemic factors in organismic aging, and models of retarded aging. The book closes with a look at the future of biomedical research as it relates to aging, health, and longevity. The **Handbook** will be of interest to biologists involved in aging research, gerontologists, medical researchers, psychologists, sociologists, and practitioners dealing with an aging population.

The **Fifth Edition**:

- * opens with a broad introduction to theories and concepts of aging
- * provides new insight into the cellular and systemic aspects of aging
- * features new chapters on cellular proliferation, apoptosis, and environment-gene interactions

About the Author

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