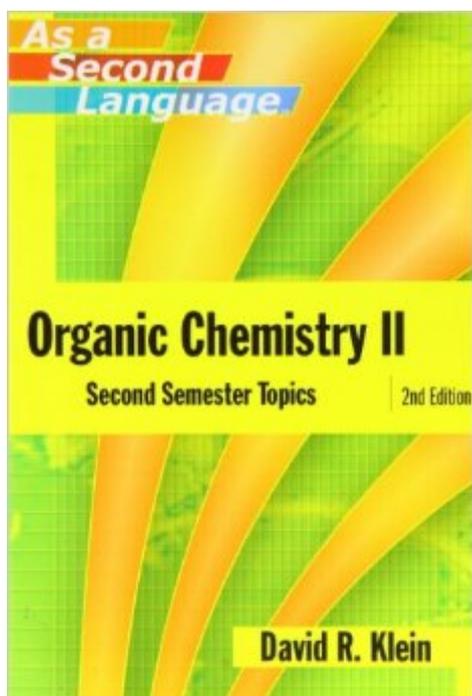


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# Organic Chemistry II As A Second Language: Second Semester Topics



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Building on the resounding success of the first volume (0-471-27235-3), *Organic Chemistry as a Second Language, Volume 2* provides readers with clear, easy-to-understand explanations of fundamental principles. It explores the critical concepts while also examining why they are relevant. The core content is presented within the framework of predicting products, proposing mechanisms, and solving synthesis problems. Readers will fine-tune the key skills involved in solving those types of problems with the help of interactive, step-by-step instructions and problems.

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I ordered this book after reading Mr. Klein's first *Organic Chemistry as a Second Language* book and was immediately content with my purchase upon arrival. This book clearly explains how to approach countless types of Organic Chemistry II problems and was a much more effective tool than stumbling through my textbook or messy lecture notes. If you work through the numerous example problems within each chapter, this book is the perfect supplement for any Orgo class. The best part is that you don't really have to work hard to memorize a list of reactions; this book shows you how to approach novel problems and understand why the reactions take place. I highly recommend this product to anyone who is taking an Organic Chemistry course or preparing for the MCAT. Edit: a few years later I am currently a medical student, and I just wanted to go back to this review and reiterate how important this book was to my success in organic chemistry in college and on the MCAT. Please use this book as a necessary supplement for being an organic chemistry master!

This is the only reason I am getting an A in my second semester of organic chemistry. The lectures are okay, but the book simplifies the message and clearly explains the mechanisms and whats needed to understand them, not just memorization. Great buy.

I just finished my Organic Chemistry course. This book was a huge help, especially since all of the reactions were geared towards synthesis - the most challenging material of the whole year. What it covered, it covered very well, BUT there was a LOT in my course that wasn't in this book. If you're looking for a great way to learn the basic concepts before you tackle your textbook, this is the book for you. But if your class doesn't have a textbook, or you're looking for a more condensed (and easier to read) version of your textbook, this isn't it. It's a good way to learn the basics, but don't expect it to get you through your class. I'd recommend Organic Chemistry Demystified if you want a textbook replacement. There was only one reaction in my entire year of class that wasn't in that book, but it didn't break things down as well as Organic Chemistry as a Second Language.

This book is good on the topics it covers but it doesn't have anything on mass spectroscopy, infrared spectroscopy, or nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy. Any guide to second semester organic chemistry should have all of those topics and I am perplexed as to why they were left out.

Usually textbooks cover the same information from edition to edition, but this study guide is not one of them. I just spent my last few weeks going over IR and NMR spectroscopy which this edition does not cover AT ALL. Pretty terrible, especially since the concept is so confusing. The 2012 edition of this book has 2 WHOLE chapters on the topic though, get that one if you need to review spectroscopy. The series as a whole is great though, just not this particular book. It's actually outdated (never thought I'd say that about a school book).

If you haven't taken Ochem II yet, I'll tell you right now, it's about 90% reactions from this point on. We've had two tests so far, and both were essentially asking mechanisms of reactions, predicted products, etc. What this book covers, it explains well. However, it only has a few reactions in it. I can't believe how many are skipped over in this book, as it seems like it should be the core of the information covered.

this book was awesome...it really helps you understand the underlying concepts and details of the

second semester of organic chem. definitely helped me pass the class!

I bought this book to use as a supplement to my textbook but I don't recommend purchasing it. It didn't clarify things for me, and it doesn't go in depth. The videos on Khan Academy were more helpful than this book

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