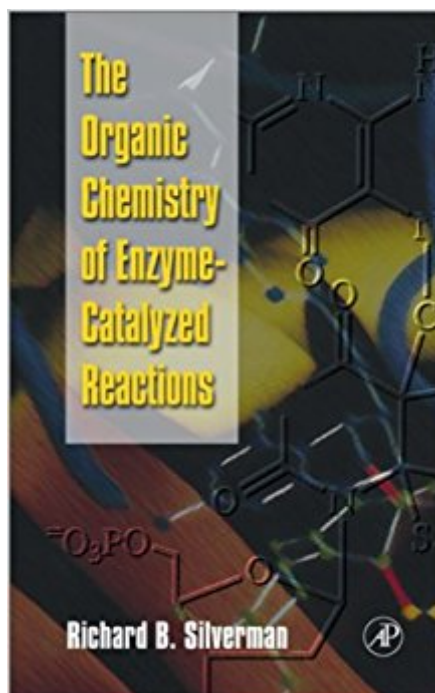


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The index for this book For example, there are a fair number of examples of the epoxidation reaction, but not a single pointer toward that in the index of the book. And much the same thing for other types of reactions. It would also be nice if there was a more clear transfer between basic organic principles and then biological applications. He does do a good job showing this in some cases (i.e., the benzoin condensation), but a few more parallel examples would have been very useful.

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