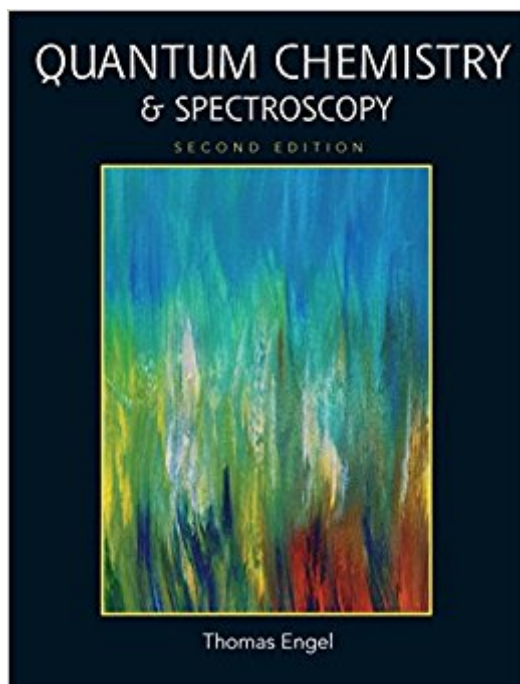


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This textbook is ridiculous. It goes into too great of detail in a subject that is innately very difficult to understand, and does this while being amazingly vague. The example problems (the few there are) are barely relevant to what is covered, leaving students to struggle through homework questions, which are in turn overtly demanding. The subject, which is quite fascinating is made frustrating and dull, the material hardly understandable. Any institution utilizing this text should very well examine their priorities in teaching this subject or supplement heavily.

This book does well in covering quantum chemistry principles. I felt it had good practice problems. I would recommend the book.

Book arrived in excellent condition. I found the explanations of this book to be a little muddled at times, but it is tough to find a good quantum book. Quick shipping too! Very smooth transaction, would definitely buy from in the future.

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