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- \* Includes foundation chapters for background in biological and earth sciences
- \* Covers emerging areas such as transport of microbes and DNA, microbial risk assessment, and use of molecular detection in environmental applications
- \* References key or landmark works without interrupting the flow of text
- \* Describes the newest analytical and molecular methodologies
- \* Contains many detailed, full-color graphics to make the text visually stimulating
- \* Presents numerous "case studies" to emphasize relevance to real-life situations
- \* Provides study questions at the end of each chapter

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