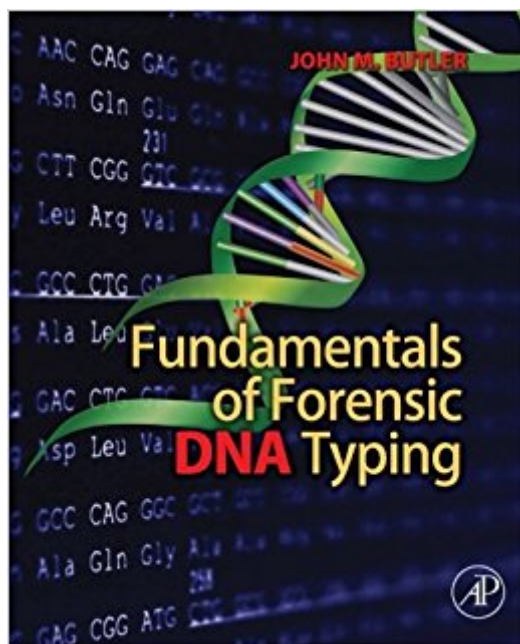


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# Fundamentals Of Forensic DNA Typing



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I never doubted the content of the book and thus any of the information it contains; however, I am disappointed that the entire book (at least the one I received) is in black and white. There are countless figures that are best viewed in color ink. So while the written information is great for anyone wanting more information on DNA typing, it is only half useful for my use of the book.

This is very helpful book, both those who just beginners at genetics and those who professionals will find a lot of information and explanations are very clear. Highly recommend.

Dr. Butler was one of the developers of DNA typing. I have heard him lecture on it several times. He recommended this as a starter. I am enjoying getting more in-depth information than I could get in a lecture. This is a good book to start learning about this interesting subject and I would recommend it to those trying to get started in this field.

I needed some very concise and specialized information about binning strategies, and I did find it inside this book. In general from the reading of this book, I must say that almost anyone interested in the field should read it. It is wonderful to be able to read one of those that have contributed so much to our area of work. And for those of us that haven't got the chance to listen to Dr Butler lectures, it is very nice to read his opinions in the amenable and organized way he presents the whole issue. Thanks Dr Butler! I would like Kindle books to be more affordable

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