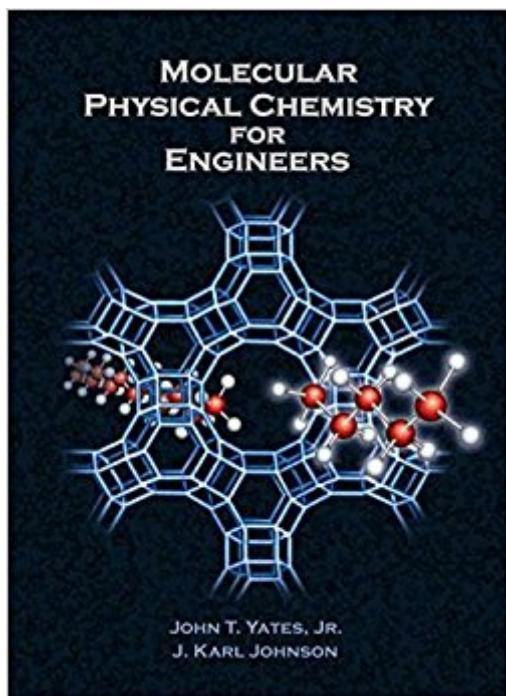


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This class is tougher than tough, but so interesting! You learn stuff that'll blow your mind. Great book, even if the material is tough by nature. Sometimes they pull stuff out of nowhere, but whatever. I can't tell if my frustrations originate from the text or the teacher, so I'll try to stay neutral.

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