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**Newly-Released *Holt Biology* Is First Biology Textbook Designed To Meet Diverse Learner Needs**  
*Washington University Professors Are Co-Authors*

AUSTIN, Texas – November 4, 2003 – Holt, Rinehart and Winston—a leading publisher of textbooks and educational materials for grades six through twelve—today announced the release of *Holt Biology* © 2004, the first biology textbook that presents in-depth content in a diverse manner that addresses varied learner levels ([www.hrw.com](http://www.hrw.com)).

“Teachers are already telling us that finally they have a biology textbook that all of their students can use—from the gifted and talented students to the English language learners,” said Judy Fowler, president of Holt. “*Holt Biology* sets a new standard for classroom biology textbooks because it provides students with comprehensive knowledge of important biology topics and meets the teacher’s need for differentiated learning.”

*Holt Biology* is written by the preeminent scientists Dr. Peter Raven and Dr. George Johnson, both noted authors and biology professors at Washington University. Dr. Raven, member of the National Academy of Sciences, is a MacArthur Fellow and a recipient of the National Medal of Science. “*Holt Biology* is a ground-breaking textbook for science teachers because of the depth and detail of the information presented,” said Dr. Raven. “The accuracy and currency of this textbook rivals that of college biology courses, yet it is written in a format accessible to all learners.”

“In the process of writing *Holt Biology*, Dr. Raven and I combined theory with more than 30 years teaching experience each, to give each concept a real-life, familiar setting that would engage students,” said Dr. Johnson. “There is no biology textbook on the market today that matches *Holt Biology* in usability and relevance or in its ability to capture the learner’s attention.”

For teachers like Valerie Porter, a veteran biology teacher at Eisenhower High School in Houston, *Holt Biology* makes teaching students a fun and interesting journey. “I love that Holt has set this book up not only to interest students but to make it easier for me to reach every one of them, from the accelerated learner to those struggling with English,” she said. “There are so many tools in this textbook that help my students *absorb* biology and really think about the cause and effect of living systems. That concept is often difficult to present in a textbook but Holt has done an exemplary job.”

Among features like a clean, easy-to-navigate-design, engaging photographs, and hands-on laboratory exercises, the textbook includes a Spanish glossary and differentiated learning activities. The textbook is also available in Spanish. Study tips give teachers ideas for expanding beyond the textbook activities and selective highlighting gives visual emphasis to important terms. A full complement of

teacher resources correlated to the curriculum are available online, in print or in CD-ROM format. A Texas-specific edition, *Holt Texas Biology*, is correlated to Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills learning standards. A New York edition of *Holt Biology* has also just been released.

An online version of *Holt Biology* is also available. As with other online textbooks in the Holt Online Learning series, *Holt Biology* presents the same concepts, resources and exercises in a rich multimedia format made possible by the web environment. Holt, which is known for applying the latest learning research to the development of its textbooks and supplementary materials, has also secured an exclusive agreement with LiveInk® that will apply the LiveInk reading format to the Holt Online Learning version of *Holt Biology*. The LiveInk format is scientifically based and proven to improve reading comprehension and retention for all students.

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