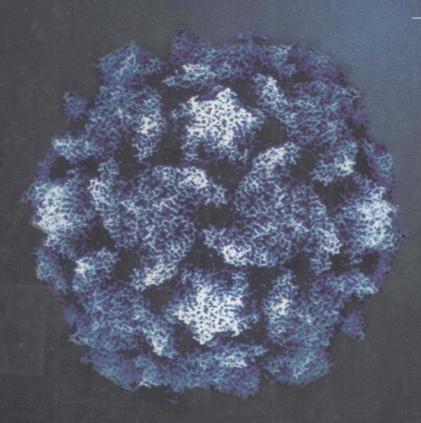
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Organization of This Book

The enduring goal of scientific endeavor, as of all human enterprise, I imagine, is to achieve an intelligible view of the universe. One of the great discoveries of modern science is that its goal cannot be achieved piecemeal, certainly not by the accumulation of facts. To understand a phenomenon is to understand a category of phenomena or it is nothing. Understanding is reached through creative acts.

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The major goal of this book is to illustrate why and how animal viruses are studied. In so doing, we highlight unifying principles that emerge from these studies that may be used for investigation of questions still outstanding and of viral systems about which our knowledge is still quite limited. We have been selective in our choice of topics, viruses, and examples. The purpose was not to be comprehensive, for it is not possible for one reasonably sized text to cover every facet of animal virology. *Fields Virology* (1996), in two encyclopedic volumes, has made the best attempt to be all-inclusive and is recommended as a resource for detailed reviews of specific virus families.

For purposes of readability, references are generally omitted from the text, but each chapter ends with a list of relevant books, review articles, and selected research papers, for readers who wish to pursue specific topics. If an experiment is featured in a chapter, one or more references will be listed to provide more detailed information. In many cases, the figures and their legends also provide important detail whose inclusion in the text might interrupt the flow of thought. Text boxes include basic background information (boxes with aqua and pale green backgrounds); detailed discussions of specific topics (purple and greenish beige); definitions of terms, explanations of nomenclature, and clarifications of common sources of confusion in terminology (maroon and gray); discussions of specific experiments (blue and yellow); and cautionary information (orange). The text itself follows the general strategy

used by all viruses and covers the principles of critical steps in virus replication in the following sections.

Part I: The Science of Virology

Chapter 1 provides a general introduction to the field with historical perspectives and a discussion of how viruses are classified. It summarizes the unifying principles that are the foundations of virology. In chapter 2, we describe general methods by which animal viruses are studied in the laboratory as an entrée into the molecular biology section.

Part II: Molecular Biology

The next section, consisting of chapters 3 to 13, focuses on molecular processes that take place in an infected host cell. Chapter 3 provides a description of the extracellular virus particle (a virion). Virion architecture is discussed in the context of providing both protection and delivery of the viral genome in a single vehicle. Chapters 4 through 13 describe the broad spectrum of molecular processes that characterize the common steps of the reproductive cycle of viruses in a single cell, from decoding genetic information to genome replication. The intention is to describe how these common steps are accomplished by diverse but representative viruses, while illuminating principles applicable to all.

Part III: Pathogenesis and Control

This section moves away from events in the single cell and addresses issues related to the interplay between viruses and their host organisms. Chapter 14 provides a detailed description of the components of the immune system and strategies that viruses have evolved for coping with it, while chapter 15 describes the different types of relationships (some short and others of long duration) that viruses can establish with their hosts. Chapter 16 describes the roles of viruses in cell transformation and in oncogenesis, the formation of tumors. As viruses are of paramount importance as disease agents, chapters 17 to 19 address issues of pathogenesis and the principles involved in developing methods of treatment and control of infection. An entire chapter (chapter 18) is devoted to the AIDS virus, not only because it is the causative agent of a serious, worldwide epidemic but also because of its unique and informative interactions with the human immune defenses. Chapter 20, the final chapter, is a foray into the future and a consideration of viral evolution, the ways in which new viruses emerge, and the overall implications for virus and host survival.

Appendix

The appendix provides a brief description and a general scheme for the reproductive cycles in single cells of viruses that serve as important examples in several chapters of the text. This section is intended to be a reference resource when one reads individual chapters and a convenient means by which specific topics may be related to the overall infectious cycles of the selected viruses. On the opening page of each chapter, therefore, is a set of icons, which are based on the diagrams of virus structures in the appendix and which represent the selected viruses described in that chapter.

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