

clear and concise and the very comprehensive use of primary references (there are around 500 in the book) is admirable. If you want an up-to-date coverage of the very broad field of mobile genetic elements, you really ought to buy this book. Oh, and one last point. The book costs approximately twice the price I would have expected to pay for a 180 page volume printed in black and white with

a rather low-quality hard binding — it's just as well it's a good book!

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