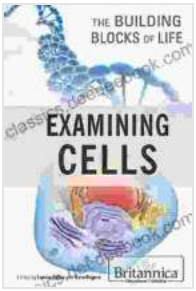
Examining Cells: Building Blocks of Life



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Cells are the basic unit of life. They are the smallest unit of matter that can carry out all the functions of life. Cells are responsible for everything from metabolism to reproduction.

Cells come in all shapes and sizes. The smallest cells are bacteria, which are only about 1 micrometer in diameter. The largest cells are muscle cells, which can be up to 100 micrometers in diameter.

All cells have a few basic components. These include a cell membrane, cytoplasm, and nucleus. The cell membrane is a thin layer of lipids that surrounds the cell and protects it from its surroundings. The cytoplasm is a gel-like substance that fills the cell and contains the cell's organelles. The nucleus is a small organelle that contains the cell's DNA.

In addition to these basic components, cells can also have other organelles, such as mitochondria, chloroplasts, and ribosomes.

Mitochondria are responsible for producing energy for the cell. Chloroplasts are responsible for photosynthesis, which is the process by which plants convert sunlight into energy. Ribosomes are responsible for protein synthesis.

There are many different types of cells. Some of the most common types of cells include:

- **Prokaryotic cells**: Prokaryotic cells are the simplest type of cells. They do not have a nucleus or other membrane-bound organelles.
- **Eukaryotic cells**: Eukaryotic cells are more complex than prokaryotic cells. They have a nucleus and other membrane-bound organelles.
- **Animal cells**: Animal cells are eukaryotic cells that do not have cell walls.
- **Plant cells**: Plant cells are eukaryotic cells that have cell walls.

Cells are the basic unit of life. They are responsible for everything from metabolism to reproduction. Cells come in all shapes and sizes and have a variety of different organelles. The different types of cells have different functions. By understanding the structure and function of cells, we can better understand the biology of life.

Further Reading

- Structure of a Cell
- Cell Structure and Function
- Cells: The Building Blocks of Life

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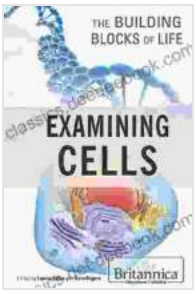

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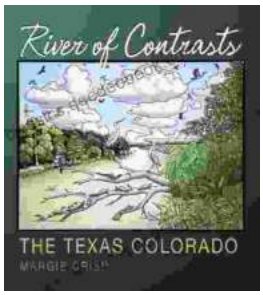

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