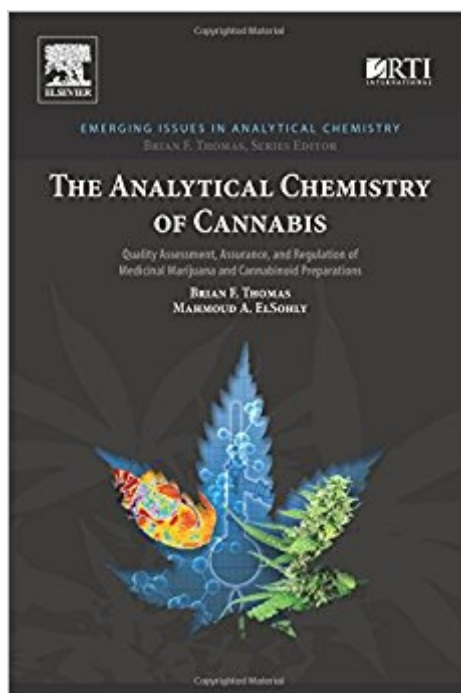


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The title's expectation is that the book will be an exhaustive review of current analytical chemistry methods for cannabis, including pros and cons, tricks, tips and techniques, as well as in-depth technical evaluations of specific methods and equipment. Not what is in this book. I am not sure that such a book exists, and I thought this gap is what the distinguished authors were filling. I was disappointed, at least from an analytical chemistry perspective. Nonetheless, it is a well-written,

concise, authoritative summary of the broad field of cannabis science with very up-to-date references (2015). As someone who likes to read these kinds of books, this book fits the bill.

The book covers a wide area of topics in a short space, from an overview of the subject, growing and cultivating the plants, how to select sample material, the chemistry of THC derivatives, the analytical techniques used, and some of the issues left to solve. It appears written more for non-scientists than scientists, but does reference many other papers if you want more details on specific areas. It was not meant to be a textbook for a course, but a readable books for many people in the medical cannabis industry. I found it quite interesting and learned a lot that I did not know.

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