

## The Orange Grove Digital Repository

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The University Press of Florida (UPF) and the Orange Grove Digital Repository (OGR) have formed **Orange Grove Texts Plus (OGT+)**, a collaboration that builds on the strengths of a traditional publisher, a digital repository, and a print-on-demand printer to offer high-quality, affordable, adaptable, and accessible textbooks to faculty and students in an electronic world.

<http://www.theorange Grove.org/OGTtest.htm>

### Our Goals

The goals of **Orange Grove Texts Plus** is to:

- reduce the cost of textbooks and related instructional materials for high enrollment general education courses **by at least 40%**
- empower faculty to offer the best possible textbooks and instructional resources for their courses
- allow students to interact with their textbooks and instructional resources in the format that they choose:
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  - print all or part of the textbook at no cost
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# Orange Grove Texts *Plus*



*Open textbooks offer an **accessible, affordable, and adaptable** alternative to traditional textbooks.*

## What is an “open” textbook?

**What makes a textbook “open”?** A textbook becomes "open" when its copyright-holder grants usage rights to the public through an "open license," which typically includes the right to access, reformat, and customize it at no additional cost.

### Who pays open textbook authors?

Open publishing models are still evolving, so author payment varies. Some are paid royalties on print sales, some receive grant support, and others choose to write on their own time.

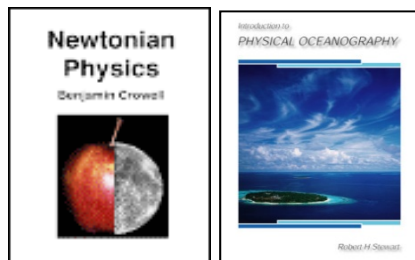
### Are open textbooks high quality?

Many open textbooks are developed through traditional peer review, others are vetted by experts. As with any textbook, you are the final judge of whether an open textbook meets the needs of your course.

### What do open textbooks look like?

Hard copies of open textbooks look much like traditional texts. The primary differences are that open textbooks are also accessible online at no cost and the hard copies are optional and affordably priced.

Examples  
of open  
textbooks:



## How to adopt an open textbook

1. **Find the right textbook.** Search The Orange Grove repository. Use advanced search options to narrow results. Review the copyright permissions.



2. **Review and evaluate it** to see if it matches your

criteria and needs. Many open textbooks contain a variety of supplemental materials (e.g., text banks, PowerPoints, etc.).

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## Authoring an open textbook

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