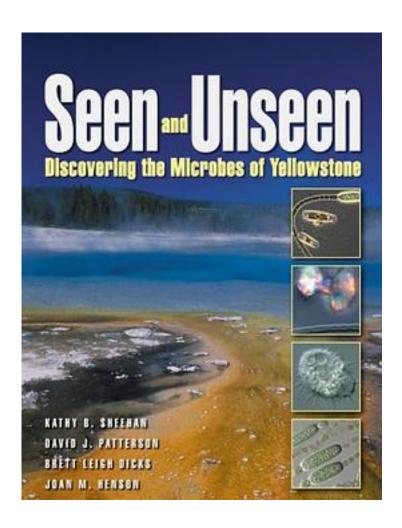
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Yellowstone National Park is one of the world's truly extraordinary places. Its landscape, dominated by a great volcanic caldera and sculpted over millennia by water and glacial ice, is host to a dramatically complex flora and fauna. But there is

more to Yellowstone's wonders than meets the eye. A nearly unexplored world awaits the curious in the park's streams and lakes, wetlands and beaver ponds, hot springs and geysers. This is the world of microbes—the bacteria, algae, diatoms, and other microscopic organisms that live at the very foundation of the Yellowstone ecosystem. This book takes readers on a spectacular and colorful tour of Yellowstone's microbial flora and fauna. Photographed using state-of-art technology, each microbe pictured in the book is presented together with photographs of the environment in which the organism is found. Readers will discover the amazing heat-tolerant bacteria that color many of the park's scalding hot springs, the microbes that allow a bison to digest grass, algae that thrive in acid, and microbial mats in every color of the rainbow. An eye-opener for adults and fascinating fun for kids, "Yellowstone under the Microscope is a unique approach to the natural history of America's greatest national park.

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