

# Preface

Remarkable strides have been made recently in understanding the mechanisms that regulate early cell fate decisions in mammalian embryos and the role of key chromatin regulators in that process. This book combines contributions from leaders in the field who have been the driving force behind these advances. The book is intended to be a key reference for anyone with an interest in early mammalian development. Readers will discover the close connections between cell polarization that accompanies the generation of inside and outside cell populations and signaling mechanisms that modify chromatin structure and establish lineage-dependent gene expression programs.

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