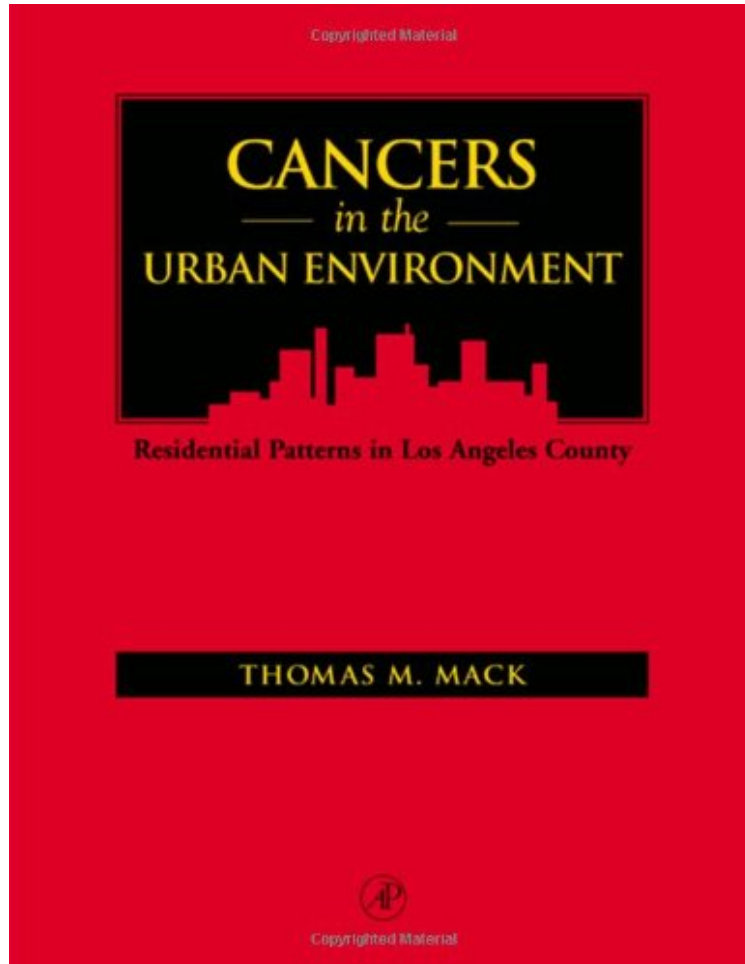


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"...the book is very approachable for the non-expert and shows both the complexity of geographic patterns of cancer and the ability to understand them...I would certainly recommend the book. I highly recommend the book to anyone who is interested in geographic patterns of cancer incidence and their interpretation...The book is very well written and is especially approachable for the lay reader." - Dr. Laurence Kolonel, M.D., Ph.D., Cancer Research Center of University of Hawaii at Manoa "Outstanding reference volume regarding cancer statistics in L.A. and the urban environment. Easy to read. Thumbnail summaries are useful. Outstanding reference book- every library should have a copy." -Dr. Johnathan Said, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Los Angeles, CA "...the whole book is beautifully produced. The writing style is clear and concise. I particularly appreciated the introductory sections, which provide a nice summary of the interpretation of small area statistics for non-specialists I would warmly recommend the book to three groups of people: Health Department of L.A., who doubtless have to answer multiple queries about unusual cancer occurrences, Epidemiologists who wish to present small area health data, and Teachers of epidemiology." -Dr. D.M. Parkin, Chief, Unit of Descriptive Epidemiology, International Agency for Research on Cancer "To have a source of information like this is invaluable...The coverage of topics is extremely thorough. Every conceivable cancer type has been covered. The classifications used are modern and up to date even to a pathologist who deals with these diseases continuously. I found no gaps...The book will stay on my most accessible shelf and I will use it as my most facile and accurate resource...I would certainly buy this book and keep it as a treasured cancer research reference...I will tell my students that this is a great starting place for developing new research projects and finding new causes of various types of cancer." -ParaKrama Chandrasoma, Professor of Pathology, University of Southern California (JULY 2004) About the Author Thomas M. Mack is an internationally renowned researcher specialized in the life style factors related to the development of cancer. He is founder of International Twin Registry, a continent-wide series of comparisons between patients with chronic diseases and their unaffected twins; and California Twin Program, an analogous program of studies among twins who differ in lifestyle or personal exposures and experiences. Excerpt. Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved. Compilation of maps depicting the demographic and geographic pattern of occurrence for cancers affecting residents of Los Angeles County.