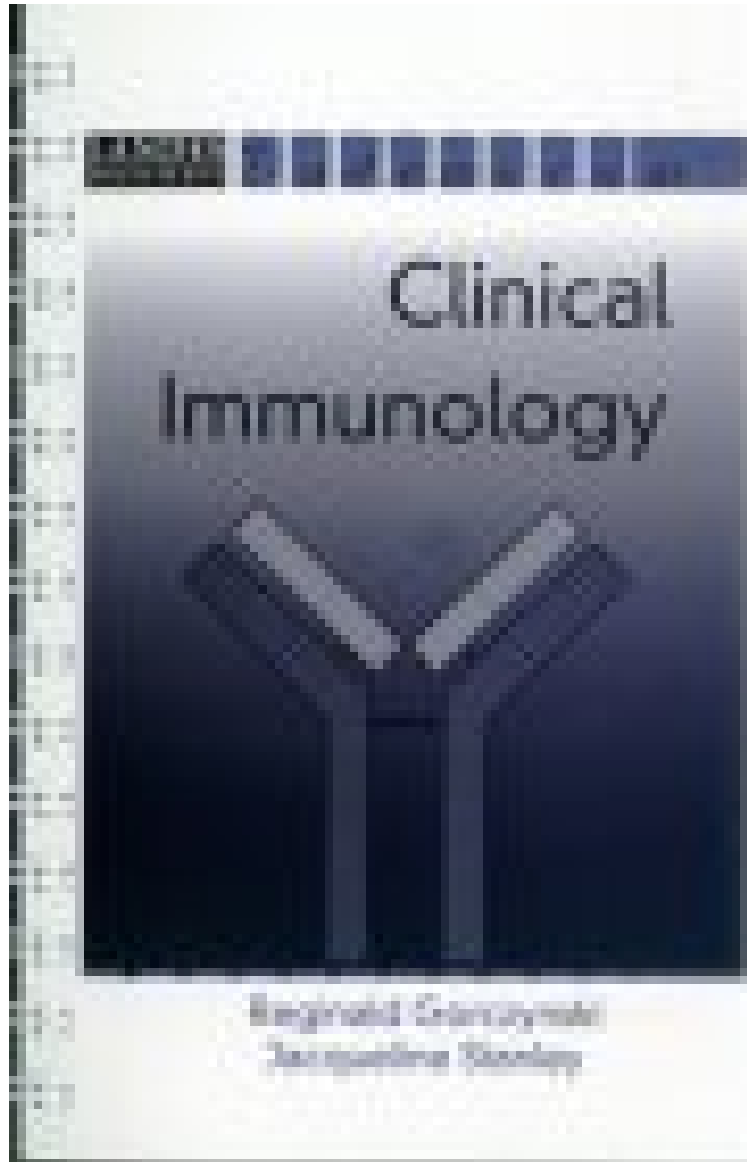


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students and practicing teachers (both practicing immunology and teaching), for over a decade, a little 141 page, 8.5 x 11" monograph comes out in the top three! The book is Dr. Sompayrac's: *How the Immune System Works, Includes Desktop Edition*. I'm adding this supplement to the reviews on this text to help any student struggling with macro concepts, and any professor who wants their class to really GET immunology. Here is my review from that book's page in case you want to consider this (I have nothing to do with the authors or publishers of this text, this is only for YOUR benefit, our readers and shoppers): A few reviews have said that this little 141 page text is "dated." Two perspectives: 1. The material covered is timeless. Our understanding of T and B cells will evolve over time, but the basic function, and the ideas of receptor sites, etc. are so fundamental that a few decades here or there cannot possibly subtract from the immense value of this text. 2. Current thinking ("2020") is that we're entering an era of completely recasting the immune system, with as revolutionary a paradigm shift as recombinant DNA itself. One aspect of this is thinking of this system as multiple systems (6 or more in some literature). Another is the role of microRNA (small double stranded RNA) and the epigenomic phenomena of RNA-interference. These phenomena don't subtract from antibody or cell mediated immunity as models, they ADD to them. For complete coverage of the new models, without spending a fortune on a whole text, see any book or recent article by Dr. Bagasra, including: *Immunology and the Quest for an HIV Vaccine: A New Perspective*. That out of the way, when our ClassPros and Library Picks surveys poll med students, THIS little text has come up in the top 5 for over a decade! How is it possible, with texts of 1,000 pages, that an 8.5 x 11" 141 page, colorful "High School" looking monograph consistently takes these honors? The answer is the astonishing flow of the metaphors coupled with "aha" pictures and illustrations on every page. Each page, though PACKED with information, is told like a story, and the pictures, both descriptive and visual, "stick" in your mind in a way that allows a synthesis that no other text has ever achieved, in my opinion (I'm a molecular biologist) in ANY field I've reviewed! Lauren makes the field "seem" understandable with only the most basic understanding of bio, and every reader here knows that simply isn't true--immunology is one of the most complex, rapidly changing fields in all of bio. You can literally get more insight into the CURRENT view of the immune system from an integrative point of view with intuitive understanding with two days immersed in this book than a semester with Janeway (888 pages), Parham (600 pages) or Male (480 pages). I'm not knocking those fine texts, and you certainly need their detail, but without Sompayrac, you will sincerely miss the "whole picture" that relates SO many topics. As an intro, a reference (now comes with fully searchable pdf), a supplement, or even just an enjoyable popular science review that will make you a LOT smarter than those who took Janeway but missed this (;=)), I cannot recommend this enough, and intend to make sure the adjunctive option is on all those text pages for the benefit of all of us struggling with this wonderful but challenging field. Library Picks reviews only for the benefit of shoppers and has nothing to do with , the authors, manufacturers or publishers of the items we review. We always buy the items we review for the sake of objectivity, and although we search for gems, are not shy about trashing an item if it's a waste of time or money for shoppers. If the reviewer identifies herself, her job or her field, it is only as a point of reference to help you gauge the background and any biases. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Keep Looking! By A Customer As a medical student at St. George's University, I was required to buy a copy of this textbook. At first, I enjoyed this rather basic introduction to immunology. But after perusing through several other immuno texts, I would suggest that medical students do not purchase this book. I say this for several reasons. First, there are numerous fundamental mistakes which suggest sloppy editing and frustrate the reader a great deal (at least this reader). Furthermore, these mistakes are often contradicted in other locations by the correct text entries, adding to the frustration. I finally had to use the Abbas immuno text as a cross-reference to everything I read in the Gorczynski/Stanley book. The second reason to stay clear of this book is that there are already many top-notch textbooks on the topic which have been professionally written and edited with high-quality figures. I agree with the previous reviewer that the compact nature and wire binding do provide some utility. But they are not worth the overall hassle and the garage-style printing/illustration quality. I would suggest any of the following alternatives: Abbas (ISBN 0721682332), Janeway (0815332173) or Levinson (0838562876). Third, this book is extremely repetitive. The authors defend this approach as a technique to stress the fundamental concepts. I don't know about other students, but I found this approach demeaning and uninspiring. I want a text to show me the wonders of immunology, not treat me like an elementary school kid learning multiplication tables. In summary, if you want a superficial, repetitive notion of immunology that will sit easily on your lab bench, then this "textbook" is for you. If you are required to buy this text, as I was, I would highly recommend purchasing another book in order to supplement your learning. 3 of 6 people found the following review helpful. 5Star Readable and Usable Immunology Text! By A Customer Clinical Immunology by Gorczynski and Stanley contains a wealth of information in a concise and manageable format. Although the main thrust of the book is clinical immunology, the basic mechanisms which underly the clinical phenomena are very-well described in a clear, easy-to-read style. There are numerous diagrams throughout the text, and the concept map style of using "linking phrases" in the diagrams makes them much clearer than is found in most immunology texts. The summaries, discussions and quizzes at the end of the chapters also help to make this book both readable and useful. Finally, the book is small enough to be stowed easily in a backpack - its spiral binding allows it to be laid flat, so that the eager student can devour its contents, eat lunch and take notes all at the same time!

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