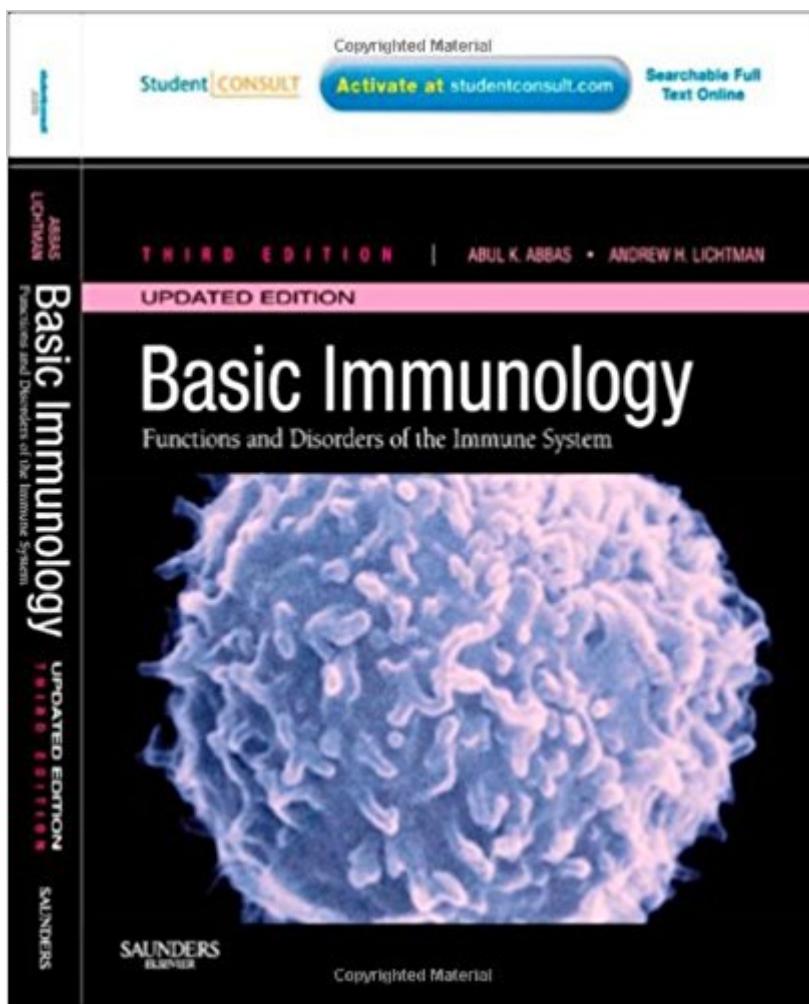


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"Today's immunology, at its current level of complexity, could not be put into 232 pages of

text in a more comprehensive, yet accessible, way." — American Journal of Epidemiology, review of previous edition

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This is a concise version of the full "Cellular and Molecular Immunology" by the same author. I read this book cover to cover as a MS-1. Now a MS-2 preparing for step1, I feel that, while the pictures are good and you can go through it very quickly (just over 200 pages), the book leaves out a lot of important information that are essential in understanding the mechanisms of immune responses and their application to specific diseases. After I finish a chapter, I often feel I just get fed hard, general facts without understanding the "WHY". In comparison, the full book this book is based on, the "Cellular and Molecular Immunology," though much bigger (~600 pages), it offers much clearer explanation of how and why an immune response work a certain way. In the end I got a lot more out of the bigger book than this one. If I had a second chance, I'd spend more time and about 10 bucks more and just get the bigger book the first time around.

This book is excellent for a good start in your Immunology course, but as your knowledge deepens, you get trapped in simplistic explanations that leave out a lot of important information. Also, the images have great explanation texts but are not easily understood, specially because you (I, at least) don't get acquainted with which cell is which. If I were only studying Immunology for the whole semester, and the aspect of the cells were important for my formation, they would be great illustrations, as you would fix the image of each in your mind effortlessly. But when you study this book once a week you spend some great amount of time in each illustration, and if every cell were a round circle with 3 big letters and every molecule also had its name, it would be faster to understand the concepts, since immunology is all about imagining the communication between the cells, hence, images are the most important part in the learning process. As a third point, I wouldn't hesitate to buy the other Abbas' book, since it's not much harder to understand and is infinitely more complete, particularly concerning diseases. It's important to point, however, that I study medicine in Brazil, so my remarks might not actually be pertinent everywhere.

I used this as a med student taking during our immuno block and felt it was really helpful. I agree with some of the other reviews that say this book leaves out some details, but I think that's actually

why this book is better in some regards. Depending on how your course is run you might need something more indepth if your school really emphasizes immuno or or if you're a phd or if you're planning to do research in immuno this probably isn't for you. For me, our block was relatively short and while I started out reading Janeway's, I just didn't have the time. This book had nice illustrations which helped to explain many mechanisms and organize topics, and most of all was a concise read that got to the point. I didn't really use this to review much for step 1 but after studying for it and taking it, I think this is more than sufficient to prep for the immuno questions that would be asked on step 1.

I went to med school four decades ago. Immunology filled up only a few pages of my notebook, therefore I could not understand any recent medical literature that mentioned anything "immunological". So I then went about purchasing most of the various current titles in the subject, finding most were way too detailed for my needs. I cannot imagine how any modern med student can digest the material contained in most of these books in a one semester course. The best book I have found is this one I am rating 5 stars. It is concise yet comprehensive; explanations are clear, and most importantly this book has the best pictures which explain the concepts by themselves. This book is digestible in full, as compared to most of the other texts, and it has given me an adequate base on which to build.

I'm a medical student. We received a syllabus with lecture notes roughly corresponding to what the speaker says--for our Immunology course, the syllabus was organized very poorly in general. This book helped me a great deal with organizing all the information we covered. It also explained concepts pretty clearly, and repeated important ones. One of the nice things about it too is that they have a summary section at each of the chapters with bullet-point-type of statements-really helpful.

The book tries to simplify concepts by being unusually repetitive instead of clearly stating and restating major concepts. Also, too much use of the passive voice made reading it immensely boring. However, what the book sets out to accomplish is very great - that is to present an area of science in a very clear and simplistic manner that underlines the central concepts and terminology.

This book was actually really good. Presented material in a very understandable way. I highly recommend this book. I got a lot out of it

Fantastic and small book for those who have not had Immuno before getting to medical school. Was a must read for me! I think it would be great for anyone that is interested in Immunology as well. Great graphics and straight forward writing.

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