

Synopsis

Emphasizes the metabolic pathways (carbohydrates, lipids, amino acids) and their diseases, for medical students and other health professionals. Includes a large foldout Biochemistryland Map. Medical students often complain that their biochemistry courses do not focus on clinical relevance. This book, while not a reference book or a dissertation on all aspects of biochemistry, selects the most clinically relevant material that every clinician should know, and presents it in a way that enables the student to quickly see the subject as a conceptual whole.

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Graduate students and medical students have different needs in their learning of biochemistry. Medical students often complain that their biochemistry courses do not focus on clinical relevance. This book, while not a reference book or a dissertation on all aspects of biochemistry, selects the most clinically relevant material that every clinician should know, and presents it in a way that enables the student to quickly see and understand clinical biochemistry as a conceptual whole. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

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Sorry to say I don't think you could pass a high school biochem exam with this book. "Clinical" forget it. This text erred on the side of both ridiculous and simplistic.

By trying to explain the materials with a fictional biochemical amusement park called "Biochemistryland," the author actually it more confusing more me. I would have preferred it if the author went straight to the point instead of using convoluted analogies, for example, "Sphingo's Curio Shoppe" when he described the sphingolipids.

So SO

Ridiculously simple is right. It's TOO SIMPLE! Although this may suffice for an undergrad class, the stuff in here is way too simplistic and doesn't provide near enough information for a medical school biochemistry class.

Loved it. At the end of biochemistry class, I had a look at the map that came along with the book and I actually knew everything on it! Books like these aren't meant to be review books, they're really more 'overview' books that orient you to the subject. If you're a big picture thinker like me then this sort of book is indispensable!

I didn't find this book helpful. The memorization tools were way too complex for someone who simply needed help understanding the material (there is a map of the biochemical carnival that is-no joke-4ft long). I suppose if you have tons of time to really study this on its own you could go in and nail biochemistry, but if you are trying to use it as a supplement... Just know it wasn't useful for me, and I regret spending my money on it.

Obviously Clinical Biochemistry isn't one of my strongest subjects to begin with which is why I got this book, that being said it didn't help much at all. I see what the author is trying to achieve by portraying biochemistryland as some sort of amusement park, but it just confused me more. I think in the end it depends on what kind of learner you are, if you're the type of person that requires real life applications and examples in order to understand something this isn't for you. If you're someone who can learn by making up crazy stories to create triggers (nothing wrong with that!) then you may benefit from this.

Just what I expected

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