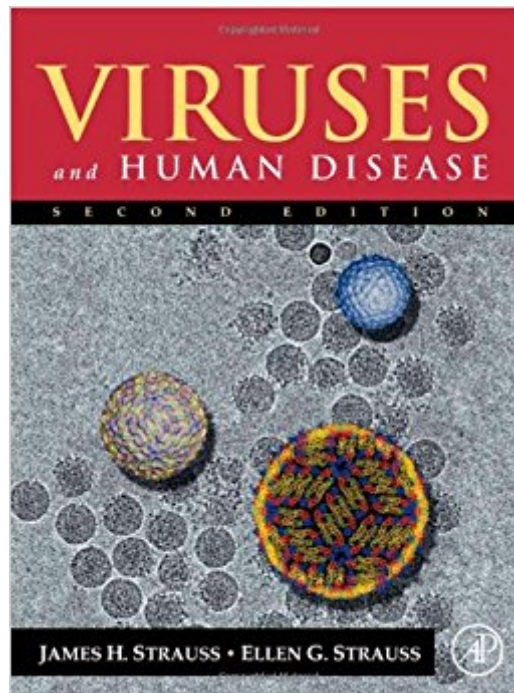




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Synopsis

Completely revised and updated, the new edition of this groundbreaking text integrates basic virology with pathophysiological conditions to examine the connection between virology and human disease. Most virology textbooks focus on the molecular biology involved without adequate reference to physiology. This text focuses on viruses that infect humans, domestic animals and vertebrates and is based on extensive course notes from James Strauss's virology class at the California Institute of Technology taught for over 30 years. Expertly depicting in color the molecular structure and replication of each virus, it provides an excellent overview for students and professionals interested in viruses as agents of human disease. Includes over 30% new material - virtually all of the figures and tables have been redrawn to include the latest information and the text has been extensively rewritten to include the most up-to-date information. Includes a new chapter on emerging and reemerging viral diseases such as avian flu, SARS, the spread of West Nile virus across America, and the continuing spread of Nipah virus in Southeast Asia. Further reading sections at the end of each chapter make it easy to find key references. World maps depicting the current distribution of existing and newly emerging viruses are also incorporated into the text.

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As a virologist, I like to read books on viruses. This is a really good book overall, but 2-caveats: 1. You better know something about viruses before you read it. It's not a beginners text. 2. While the title is Viruses and Human Disease, the real topic here is Viruses; the human disease part is not as well defined as you might expect. Still, quite a good book.

For a basic level Virology course this book goes into way too much detail. Perhaps for advanced graduate courses this book would be more helpful.

What a wonderful textbook, focuses more on the virus than disease. Very easy to comprehend, and has wonderful charts and pictures to support text.

This was listed as a "used" book in "good" condition, but I disagree. It is good enough for my own study purposes, but I was disappointed that the cover was ripped and nearly every page had a lot of pen/highlighter.

This book is astoundingly complete and detailed, with many electronmicrographs, illustrations, graphs, and tables. It would serve admirably as textbook on virology with the added benefit of its fascinating tie-ins with viral caused human disease, including mechanisms of infection and epidemiology. Bravo! The bad news is that its readers must be prepared by having studied biochemistry before ever cracking it open. This is no fault of the book; just a fact. An alternative both to the book and for preparation to read it, is to follow every link in the Wikipedia articles on virus, virology, etc.

The wealth of information in this book on viruses and its interaction on their host is provided in an easy to understand manner. I believe that this knowledge will help me in my quest to find a cure for disease I am currently researching.... My kudos to Mrs and Mr Strauss for their efforts to educate us and expand our knowledge of this non-discriminating phenomena of our existential mystery...

I think that this book is very hard to read. There are a lot of terms that the author just assumes that you know. There is not a section at the end of each chapter for students to answer questions-which helps me study. There is not a glossary or appendix. This book just throws you in and expects you to know a lot.

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