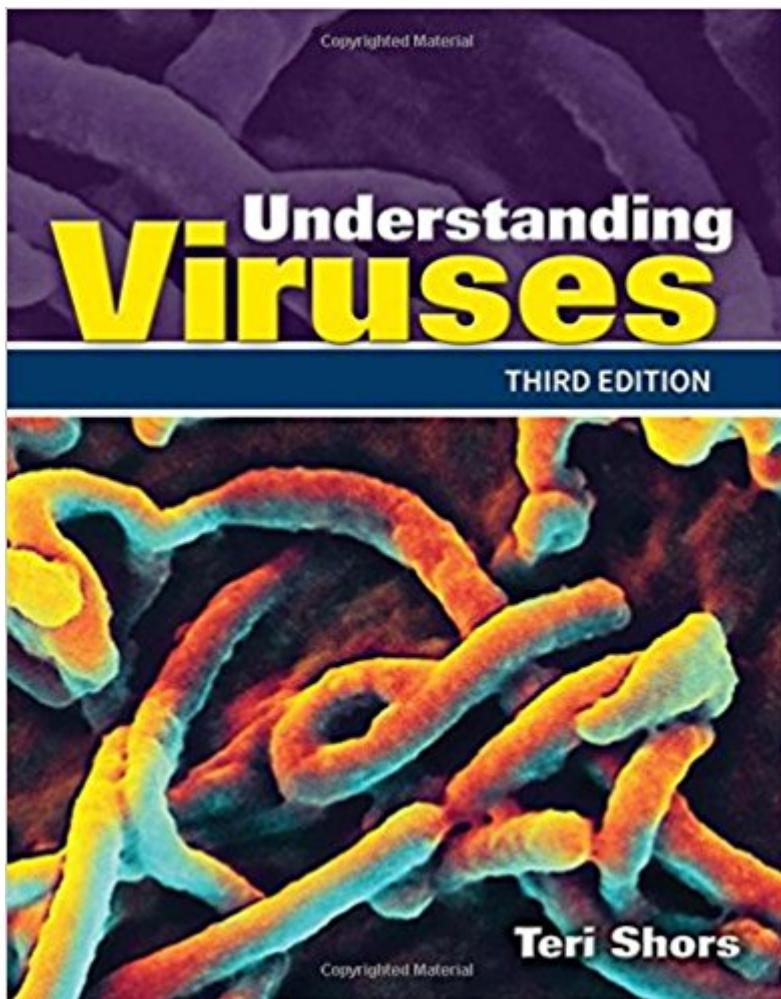


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Me:Retired, with a PhD in Virology, but did most of my work in bioinformatics. Summary:Extremely good book. I would highly recommend it overall. Pros:1. The overall explanation of all topics is very well presented.2. The bibliographic material is worth the book alone. I was particularly impressed with the links to other sites for more information on a whole host of topics. Some of them I didn't even know existed.3. The historical perspective of many of the viruses discussed was of particular interest.4. The online material was good, but I wouldn't classify it as great.5. The information

contained included information on recent viruses such as Zika and Ebola. Cons: 1. I have a particular dislike for any book that uses a term before the term is actually defined. This happens in many places in the book. That might be just picky on my part, so ignore it if it doesn't bother you. 2. I do believe that having SOME knowledge of molecular biology at a basic level would be advantageous to the reader, otherwise, I could see a novice getting a bit overwhelmed. 3. There was no dedicated chapter on immunology. Given how virology and immunology is so intertwined, I expected this, unless the reader is expected to have knowledge beforehand. At least, that's how I was taught. 4. Ever read Fields Virology or Clinical Virology by Richman? In either case, the structural virology for each virus is fairly daunting in most cases. Imagine this information 'condensed'. That's how this is presented in this book. In some cases, it makes for a difficult read. Overall: Even with the cons above, I would highly recommend this book. The pros totally outweigh the cons and I actually enjoyed the presentation.

One of the best presented books on the subject of viruses I've ever read.

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