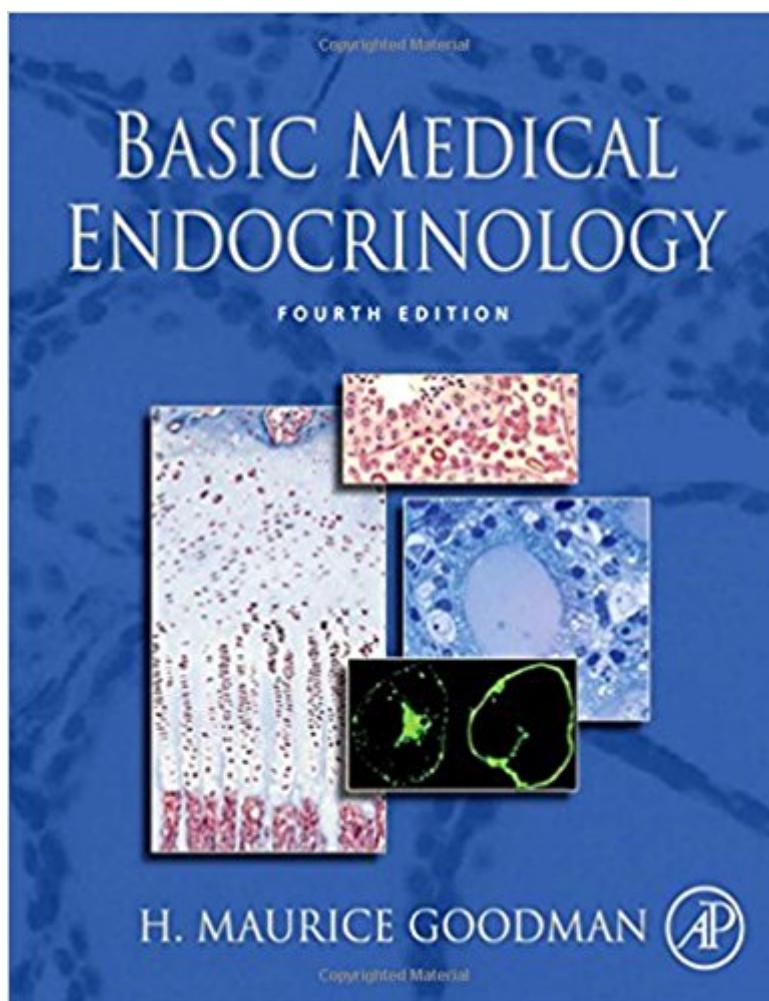


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Dr. Goodman has forty-five years of experience teaching endocrinology and physiology to medical students at Harvard Medical School and at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. He has been engaged in NIH funded research in endocrinology for 40 years and published more than 150 articles in leading endocrinology journals. He is the founding Chairman of his department at UMass and has recently retired as Chairman after serving for 36 years..

This is a nice text for an undergraduate-level or graduate-level basic Endocrinology class. The book itself is very succinct, compact, and lightweight. Its content is trim and well-organized, and it's filled with colorful, easy-to-understand figures. The writing is lucid, fairly casual, and easy to understand, which I appreciated for a subject that is so dense with information. The book is not extremely in-depth. That's okay, though--it's self-described as a "basic" level book. It spares a student the more complicated explanations of many subjects for more advanced texts. For a student unfamiliar with endocrinology in general, this is a great book to introduce the major concepts of the field. I'll be keeping this book for reference in later years of school!

Ok so the book reads ok, not the best piece of literature. What I disliked the most was that molecules are often illustrated wrong. Professors are supposed to read through the book and make sure these mistakes don't make it to the next edition. The frequency with which this occurs is annoying. Its the fourth edition and seems like I purchased the rough draft. Lets just say that who ever drew these structures would not pass an undergraduate organic chemistry course.

This book had torn pages that were taped back together unevenly. The first two pages of the Table of Contents were ripped off.

Very wordy and I haven't used it since reading the first chapter. I have heard all endocrinology books are terrible and this is the best. If that is so then forget the book and take notes in class

The best book for learning Endocrinology. Very basic and understandable. Reading it would help you understand the tougher things and mechanisms involved. Even the mechanisms are a bit simplified to teach and understand.

Seriously dense.

I'm a first year medical student and this book is one of our required texts for our Endocrinology block. The book is very well written and reads like a novel, two features which I highly value. That said, I bought this book new, and have found that there are SERIOUS issues in terms of the quality of the end product. By which I mean, every few pages the printing of the text is compromised and appears fuzzy/hazy for an entire page or more. Furthermore, there are numerous grammatical, spacing, and spelling errors. For a textbook, this is simply unacceptable. A mistake here, or there, is understandable, but having fuzzy text on an entire page, and frequently, is simply ridiculous. CONCLUSION: I suggest you stay away from the new edition and perhaps purchase a used older edition. In any case, the new edition is not worth the money - given the gross negligence of the manufacturer.

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