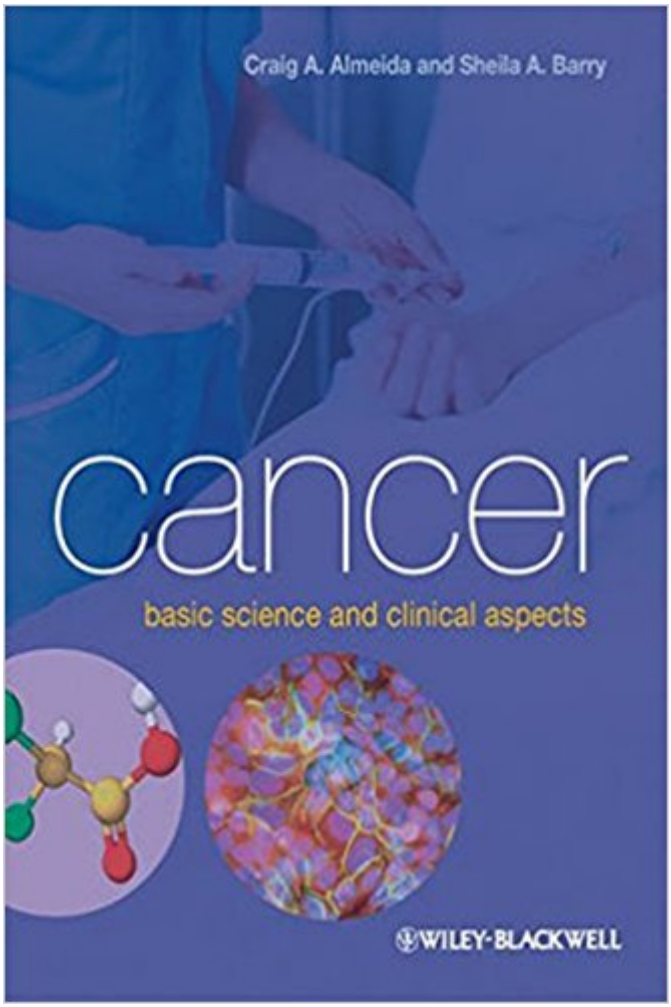
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The first half of this book provides a basic introduction to the biology, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer. The second half of the book consists of chapters which go into more depth for several specific types of cancer, namely cancers of the breast, ovaries, cervix, prostate, testicles, skin, lungs, colorectum, and blood and lymphatic systems.The level of the book is suitable for people with little or no prior biomedical background, since the book begins with a discussion of basic cell biology. The potential audience thus includes college students taking a course on cancer for non-biology majors, as well as patients and caregivers. For this audience, I don’t know of any better introductory book.The main limitation of the book is that, because it’s only introductory, it won’t take you close to the cutting edge of cancer research and treatment, so you need to supplement the book with other resources if you want to make genuinely informed treatment decisions. Such resources would include papers in journals, as well as books which describe complementary/alternative approaches to cancer treatment, such asÃ Â Anticancer, A New Way of Life, New Edition,Life Over Cancer: The Block Center Program for Integrative Cancer Treatment, andÃ Â Surviving Terminal Cancer: Clinical Trials, Drug Cocktails, and Other Treatments Your Oncologist Won’t Tell You About.A related point is that I think this book paints too rosy a picture of the state of oncology, and thus hides the many problems with the cancer establishment. This can lull patients and caregivers into relying too much on their doctors, and thus not doing enough of their own homework and challenging their doctors when necessary. For a detailed critique of the cancer establishment, see my review ofÃ Â The War on Cancer: An Anatomy of Failure, A Blueprint for the Future.Summing up, although this book has limitations which must be transcended to become well

informed, it’s still the best basic introduction to cancer biology and treatment that I know of, so I can recommend it to people looking for such a book.

The book was in new condition.

Not as interesting as I’d hoped - I was after something more on the biochemistry and this was more about medicine

This book is in excellent condition, just described. The book it self was vague and short. Although it was a quick read.

Great book -- I actually had the authors as professors in college (before this book was out), and their biology of cancer course was hands down one of the best classes I took as a biology major. I’m so excited that this book is finally out! It is very clearly written by people who genuinely want to help you understand the content. You will not be disappointed.

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