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## Carrie says

How am I the only one to review this product???

Pretty good comprehensive guide to Oncological diseases and emergencies. I loved how I can carry this easily in my pocket. I like how each disease is represented within the 2 pages that face each other. The basic points are bulleted. I find the staging, statistics for survival and treatments to be the most helpful.

My only complaint is that some of the abbreviations are not common place. I find myself having to stop and look up the abbreviation before I can read any further. Annoying but not detrimental.

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## Usfromdk says

If I were to judge this book based on the general level of coverage, in terms of general content, knowledge about disease processes, treatment options, side effects, complications, diagnostics, prognostics, etc., I'd give the book probably four stars, maybe five. But along the way I more than once felt like it would be a good idea to gather an angry mob and go find these authors, to punish them for writing this book the way they have, so giving the book a rating like that was never on the cards. 2 stars was generous, I initially gave it one star.

This book is, due to the frankly insane number of (frequently uncommon, occasionally never-before-encountered) abbreviations used, both very, very dense and, more to the point, very close to being completely unreadable. I read it from cover to cover despite this fact, but more than once along the way I felt I did that at least in part just to spite the authors by proving it could be done. One of the authors along the way made use of an abbreviation which was neither included in the very extensive list of abbreviations at the end of the book, nor was it (...at that point, I later realized) introduced by the author in the text. I spent probably 5 minutes googling, trying to figure out what the hell the author was talking about, before realizing nobody else probably did either; the abbreviation wasn't google-able because nobody before in the history of book-writing/the Internet had ever thought it would be a good idea to abbreviate that term that way. I realized what the abbreviation meant later, a few pages later, when the author finally decided that now might be a good idea to introduce you to that specific abbreviation. Using abbreviations before introducing them is pretty close to a capital offense to me; it certainly feels like it in a context like this where you already sort of find yourself wondering if the hidden goal of the book was really to write a book as illegible as possible, conditional on the book still containing useful information (this latter part is really the infuriating part - there's a lot of good information in this book, certainly there's a lot of stuff I'd prefer oncologists potentially treating me or people I know to know, but it seems as if the authors have deliberately done everything in their power to stop you from ever decoding this information).

In terms of content, the book probably compares favourably with many significantly longer oncology texts (mainly, but certainly not only, because of the publication date). In terms of readability it compares unfavourably to an Egyptian translation of Alan Sokal's 1996 article in *Social Text*, if it were translated by a 12-year old dyslexic girl. No, not really, but writing a book this way in the 21st century seems to me both crazy and stupid, as well as completely unnecessary.

