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Across the last forty years, epidemiology has developed into a vibrant scientific discipline that brings together the social and biological sciences, incorporating everything from statistics to the philosophy of science in its aim to study and track the distribution and determinants of health events. A now-classic text, the second edition of this essential introduction to epidemiology presents the core concepts in a unified approach that aims to cut through the fog and elucidate the fundamental concepts. Rather than focusing on formulas or dogma, the book presents basic epidemiologic principles and concepts in a coherent and straightforward exposition. By emphasizing a unifying set of ideas, students will develop a strong foundation for understanding the principles of epidemiologic research.

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I have Modern Epidemiology by the same author and I thought it had only basic concepts but it was a good surprise when I found many concepts that reinforced what I learned. Besides, the author shows a lot of good examples that make it easier to understand the point he has in mind. It is a much easier read than the bigger one by the same author. It forces you to think outside the box which essentially is what epidemiology is all about.

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Molly says

Maybe only one star. I didn't find this book clearly written, and I'm familiar with what he's writing about. Also, he spends a lot of energy telling the reader not to use statistical tests, when it really seems to me that his problem is with misinterpretation of statistical tests. He rails against a useful tool for most of the last 1/4 of the book, without any nuance of subtlety. I appreciate that he's trying to make a point, but in something that bills itself as a textbook, I don't think it's the place
