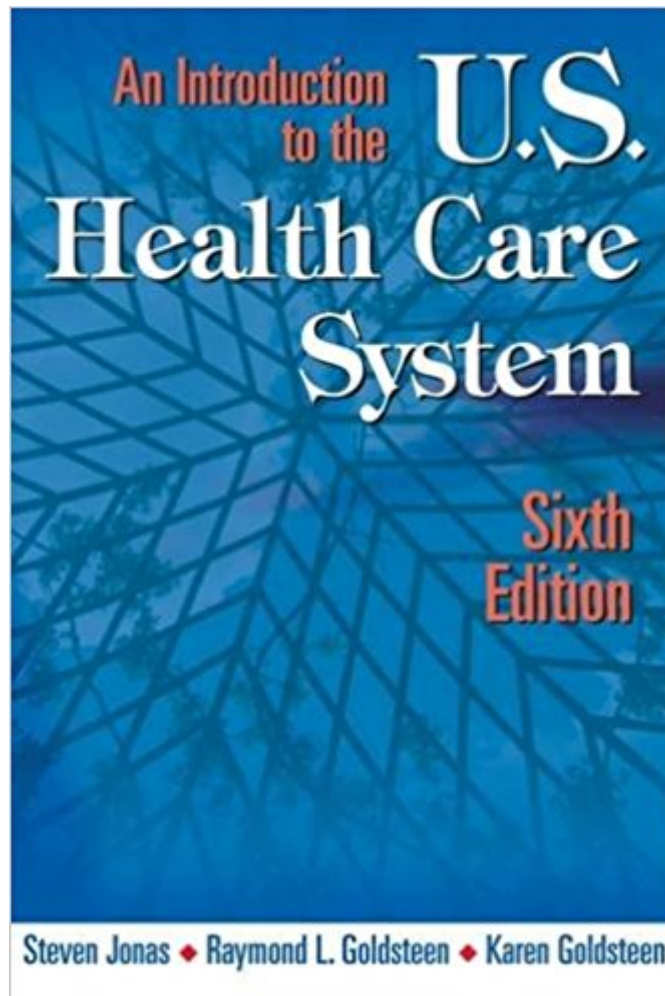




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Good, solid, uncomplicated look at the economics of the health care system in America. I used it to produce a lecture for resident physicians.

I bought this book through my kindle, and, on the same day, I returned it. Even for a textbook, the diction and presentation of the information is beyond boring. To make it worse, the author never explains the information when he introduces it; he simply puts a parenthesis stating "Go to chapter x for more information." I can understand doing this in certain cases, but when you have literally five of those things in a simple paragraph, it just becomes ridiculous. Secondly, the bias against Republicans and Republican administration in this work is palpable, almost to the point of being droll. While the author does admit his personal feelings and bias about the subject will inevitably leak into his words, he should at least TRY to be objective, or at least make it less obvious. In summary, do not buy this book.

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