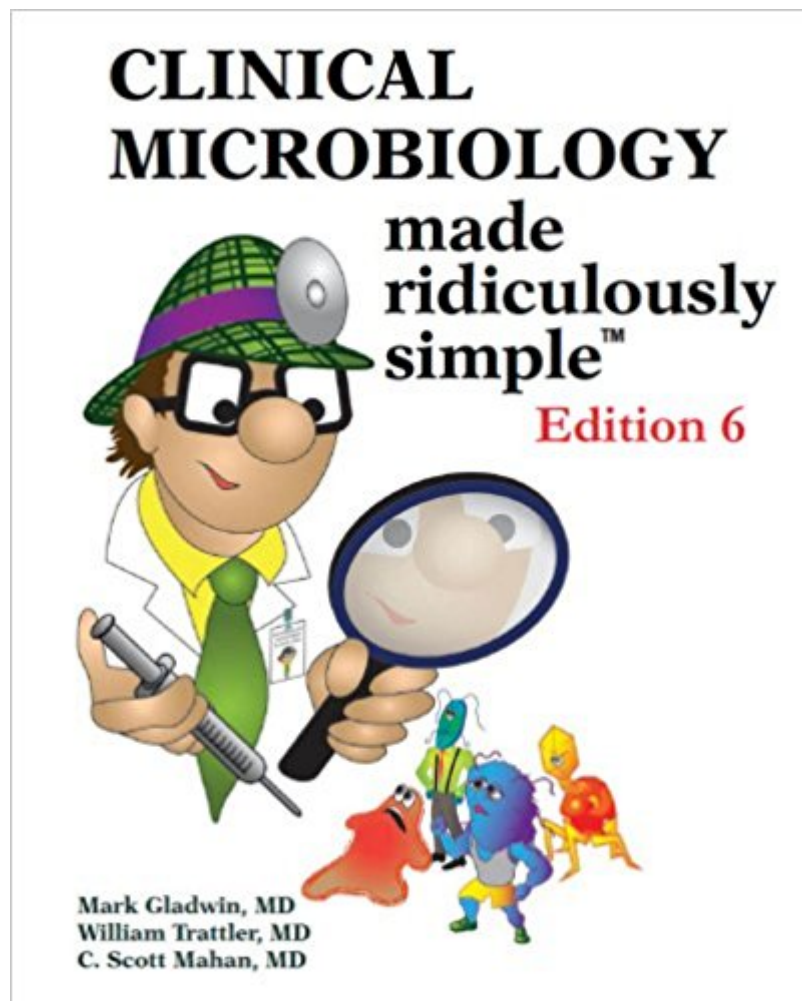




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This book is outstanding. It is incredibly efficient, in that the sections written are the major pieces of microbiology that a healthcare professional should know. I really wish this book was used instead of

the text I had to use in my microbiology class. Very comprehensive and well focused for healthcare.

Bought it for 20-something dollars. I'd consider this book essential background reading for any med school microbio unit. I read it once through for a general overview of everything, and went back to it for specifics later. Unfortunately, like some other reviewers, I had pages pop right out towards the back of the book. The glue they use must not be so good. Not enough of an issue to not recommend this book, but enough to take off a star.

Made ridiculously simple series is very popular at my medical school. They have never really clicked for me. I would borrow a copy from someone before buying to see if it fits your reading style. Sketchy micro and I would highly recommend its interactive style with a rope memorization subject like micro.

This book is definitely what I needed. It's a great primer for clinical micro and keeps complex things simple through the use of diagrams and drawings. Each chapter is short enough to go through on a break, and it's written to be very high yield.

If you are the type of person that likes having books to read, highlight, and take notes in, then this could be a good option for you. Don't get me wrong, the author summarizes information well and draws pictures that will help you remember micro. But in my opinion, I think the majority of students would have more success in watching videos of drawings or interesting lectures giving you mnemonics. That might just be specific to my circumstance because of the way I learn, but I had more success watching videos. Like I said before, first you need to realize if you prefer to study out of books or by listening to people, then you can decide if this is right for you.

This book's content is really helpful in simplifying the necessary information in a palatable fashion. However I was disappointed with the quality of the actual hard copy. After seldom usage, I mean practically brand new, hardly used, the pages started to fall out in sections. If it was not so expensive to ship internationally, I would have returned the book. Otherwise, the book was good. UPDATE: Complaint made to the seller and customer service was hassle-free and swift.

This text lays out the information you need to know about microbes in a very easy to read manner. I find myself enjoying reading and learning from the images designed to help recall. It has been

helpful to use in addition to assigned lectures, and find myself first reading the appropriate material in this text prior to studying the lecture slides. It makes my studies 100% easier and I feel like I am retaining the information better as a result. I'm glad I found this text prior to boards. I'm sure it will be a text I will continue to cite in the future.

This is the book you need as a medical student reading microbiology. It contains all you need in an easy-to-digest manner. It is readable and enough for undergraduate level and for step 1 usmle.

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