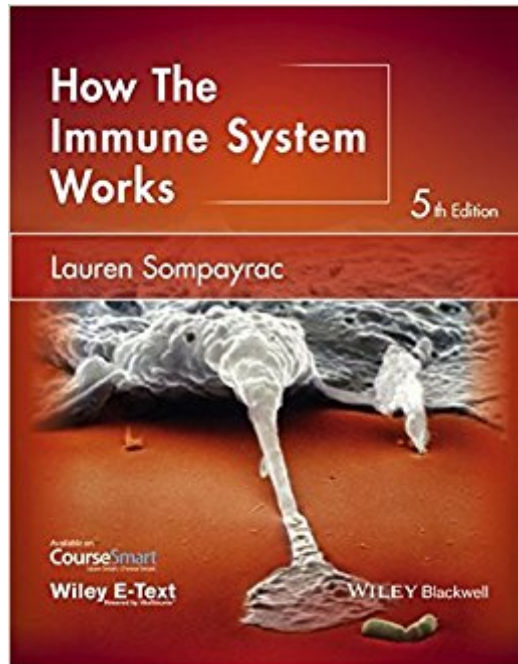




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# How The Immune System Works (The How It Works Series)



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In 1998, I wrote the first edition of How the Immune System Works because I couldn't find a book that would give my students an overall view of the immune system. What was missing was a short book that tells, in simple language, how the immune system fits together – a book that presents the big picture of the immune system, without the jargon and the details. This, the newest edition of my little book, continues that tradition. For the fifth edition, I've updated all the lectures to include the latest information. I've also added a new lecture on the intestinal immune system. Our knowledge of how the immune system deals with the trillions of bacteria, viruses, and parasites that inhabit our intestines is still evolving. However, enough is now known to see the rough outlines of how this important arm of the immune system works. In addition to this new material, I've

also made some "style changes" that I think will make the fifth edition even easier to use. For example, I've included a short "Heads Up!" section at the beginning of each lecture to alert my readers to the important topics that will be covered. Also, essential words and phrases are now highlighted in red where they first appear in the text, and a summary of important concepts is included at the end of each lecture. Although *How the Immune System Works* is used as the textbook for some immunology courses, I suspect that most students buy this book and then carry it around in a brown paper bag so their professor won't know what they are reading in order to make sense of the lectures! Indeed, *How the Immune System Works* has become a bit of a cult book, as thousands of students have used it to help them master this difficult subject. I've been told that I even have a "fan club" on Facebook. How cool is that? I believe this fifth edition is the best one yet. I hope you will think so too.

Excellent and new

A most interesting and enjoyable book to learn about the immune system. The author makes this complicated subject understandable in an entertaining way. Great book!

Great little book on how the immune system works. Quite easy to understand even for non-professionals.

Excellent book. Detailed enough to get needed information but readable for a non-doctor.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book. I had listened to several lectures on the immune system and was still overwhelmed but this book cleared up a lot. The author's enthusiasm for the topic is encouraging. He uses many memorable vignettes to help the reader understand. I hope I can find more books as useful as this in my studies.

This is a great book. I wish I had this book in medical school when I had my first brush with immunology. There really are very few books which give you a comprehensive overview of the subject answering the fundamental question of why things are the way they are. This book shows you in a stepwise fashion how everything fits together into the grand scheme. I even got over my

eternal fear of the complement system ! I am now starting my 2nd year of Infectious disease fellowship and am going to be in a lab for the next 2 years at least doing translational research. I am glad I am reading this book now. Highly recommended.

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