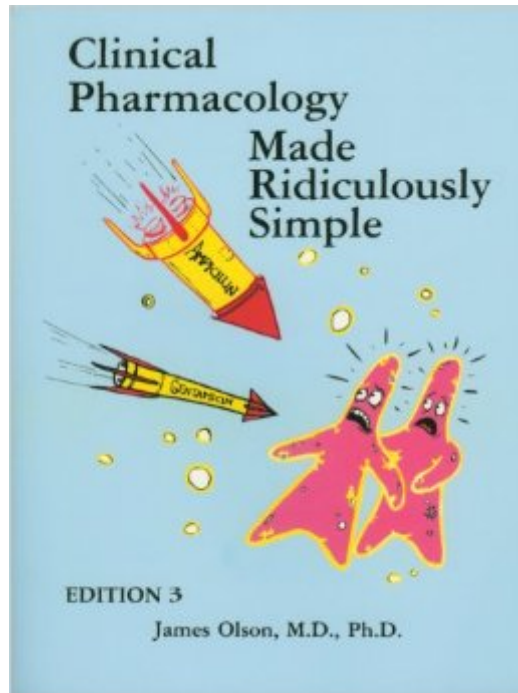


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Provides general principles of pharmacology. Includes tables to compare different agents within a given class of drugs. For use as a review for Boards, self-testing, or reference. Previous edition: c1997.

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While in school, I enjoyed the pictures and such. But found the book tough to learn from. Maybe I don't handle gigantic lists that well. Now that I'm out practicing, I like the book a lot as a quick reference/refresher.

I originally bought this book to help me with learning pharmacology while I was in med school and it was a great help. If you ever studied pharmacology you know how boring those textbooks can be (with the exception of Lippincott's). Well this book is a step apart. It made learning fun and dynamic. The information is current and the funny graphics help you remember key details mechanisms, adverse effects, and interactions for testing. I have also used this book as a reference when I studied for my USMLE step 1 and it helped refresh the subject in a fast efficient way. I highly recommend it to any Med Student.

I was disappointed in the book I hoped to learn about the fundamentals of clinical pharmacology, but all I got was page after page of tables of drugs, mechanism of action, undesirable effects, etc. I

could have gotten that from the PDR or the Merck Manual. I learned more of what I was after just by reading wikipedia (unfortunately, after I bought the book). It was more on clinical practice than how clinical pharmacology is used to study new compounds or drug interactions, etc.

Great charts and they group the meds together by class. They give you a quick patho review too. This book really helps with memorization and it really is simple.

The book lists drugs in tables with the occasional paragraph above it trying to explain something. There are practically NO memory aids like in the microbiology series which had pictures and mnemonics etc.. this book is tiny, overpriced and a lot of medical school professors have warned against this book

This is a wonderful book for those who are interested in the basics of pharmacology. Every chapter covers a different aspect of the body and the effects that pharmaceuticals have on it. Covering difficult concepts about the central, peripheral and autonomic nervous systems, the book utilizes charts and "cute" animations to illustrate how certain drugs act on specific receptors. In a sense this book could be considered to be a version of Cliff's Notes for pharmacology students. However, while the book is straightforward and correct about the actions of the categories of drugs (for example, beta blockers), there are several errors in the pharmaceutical charts regarding the specific actions and side effects of certain medicines. Please check with your professors or a more knowledgeable authority concerning these errors.

I bought this book after using a friend's copy of "Clinical Anatomy made Ridiculously Simple". I loved the little cartoons and mnemonics for remembering the thousands of new terms in anatomy, and thought this style would be great for another memorization subject like pharmacology. However, this book uses none of those little tricks. It is page after page of tables comparing one drug to another. I already have that in my pharmacology lectures! Don't waste your money on this book.

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