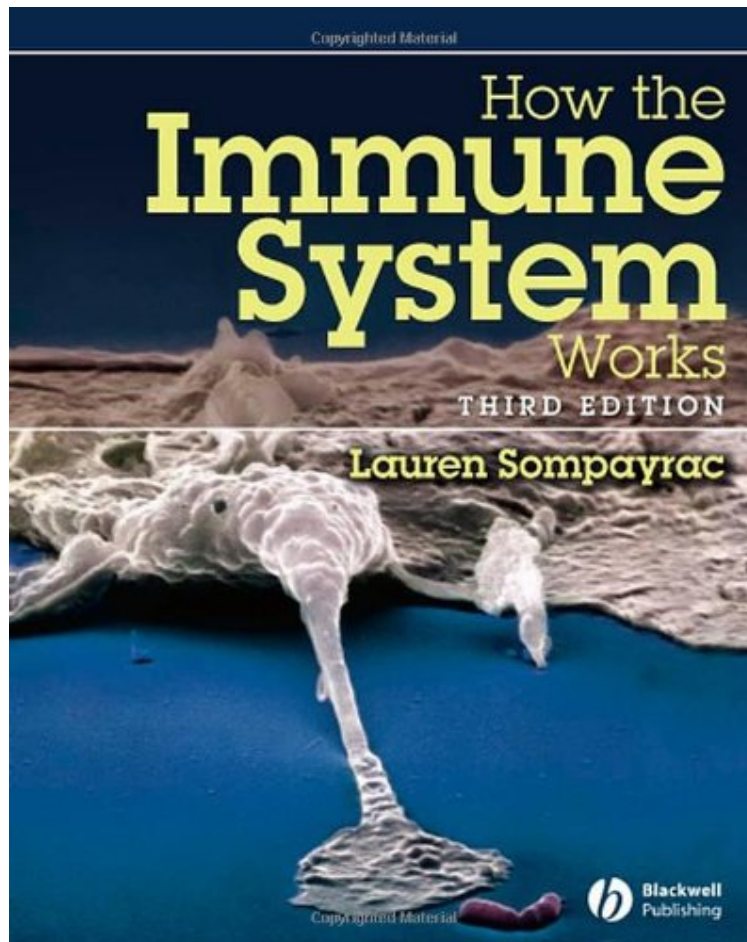


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use. For example, I've included a short Heads Up! section at the beginning of each lecture to alert my readers to the important topics that will be covered. Also, essential words and phrases are now highlighted in red where they first appear in the 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. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Amadillo Excellent and new 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Enjoyable way to learn about the immune system. By Marian Zable 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!

Understanding the immune system is crucial for both medical and bioscience students, with new research revealing yet more secrets year on year. Many books offer in-depth introductions to the subject, but *How the Immune System Works* remains uniquely popular for its personable and practical overview of the nuts and bolts of the immune system. This third edition provides a perfect introduction to the essential principles of the immune system, covered in humorous but highly informative 'lectures' accompanied by clear and accessible illustrations. It is perfect for exam preparation or as an enjoyable overview of a difficult subject. Both students and instructors will welcome the clarity and authority that Lauren Sompayrac brings to this timely revision.

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