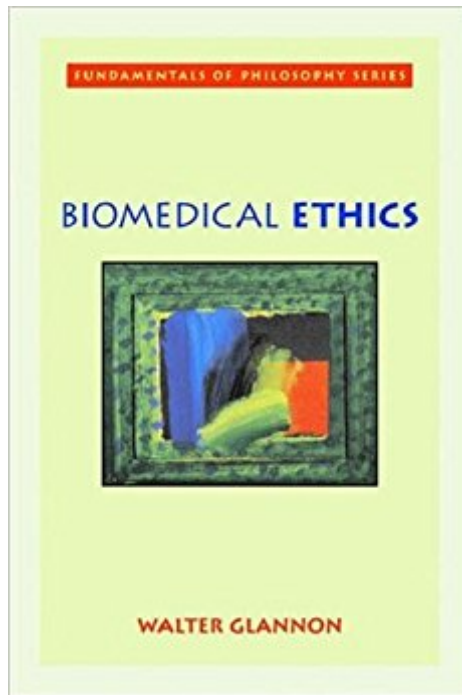




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Small book that keeps you interested, I learned so much. MUST BUY!

This was required reading for my biomedical ethics course. I enjoyed the book, it gave a good overview of the ethical issues inherent in the medical field today, and I definitely saved a lot of money by reading this instead of a full textbook. It references many popular ethicists and is a good starting point for delving into the field of biomedical ethics. I recommend this quick read for any aspiring medical doctor.

Pretty dense reading. It also doesn't need to be so dense as the concepts could be made much clearer in more concise language.

Item came as described and on time

Premed graduating with a BS in Chem ('11) writing my personal statement and taking the MCAT. Bought this book on whim before my MCAT. It has been invaluable in teaching me logical reasoning behind the actions we take. The first chapter clearly outlines in a concise manner basic vocabulary

and logic I needed to transition to the second chapter. Reading the first two chapters alone helped improve my writing skill and logical thought process. Granted the MCAT no longer has a writing section as of 2013, yet its lack of current relevance will be made up later in my career. The book has such a great summary of bioethics that will be useful and quick to read. It's high yield/value material. I am certainly taking this with me when I go off to med school.

I had to buy this for my Biomedical Ethics Philosophy class. It had a lot of good information but after awhile I felt like he was just talking in circles to the point of annoying and I found myself barely getting through the chapters. However, I didn't have a choice if I wanted to pass the class.

Another book which was a requirement in the College class I audited. Great book - also full of information people should be advised of.

I picked up this book to help with a few classes I took in University, as well as for personal reference. It is a concise reference to contemporary bioethics and does an excellent job of reviewing and summarizing all major topics. Additionally, unlike most philosophers, Glannon's writing is very clear and easy to understand. I would recommend this to anyone who is looking for a summary or reference to bioethics, or as an introduction to the topic.

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