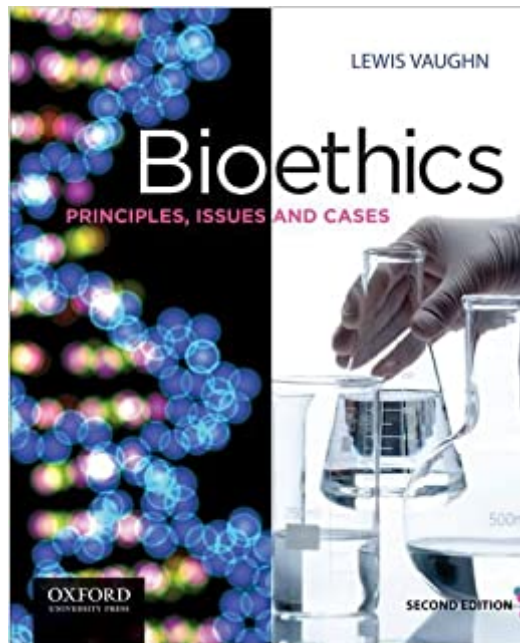




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# Bioethics: Principles, Issues And Cases, 2nd Edition



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I bought this textbook as part of required text for my Health Ethics class. Normally I buy the textbooks for reference and for assignments, but I actually enjoyed this textbook. It outlines key issues with relevant examples and moral dilemmas- allowing the reader to reconsider their

perspective and think about new views on hand. There was an appropriate amount of graphical support, and the writing was not difficult to follow. The indented pages at a smaller size compared to other textbooks made reading more manageable. Overall, great content and design.

This is a great book not just for people interested in going into medicine, biology, or philosophy, but for everyone. All the writing is very well done. You will find within opinions you agree with and opinions that you absolutely hate. It's nice to see both sides, and there is a lot of awesome thinking going on by the writers in this book.

I purchased this for the online medical ethics course I am taking this summer. It covers various important aspects in bioethics. It contains background and summary, cases, article readings in each chapter. Since my online course only provides with powerpoint lecture slides, the whole course is very much self-learn, and so far I think it's a great bioethics textbook.

When I first open this book the first 3 pages were already torn half way. Can't even read some of the passage bc the paper stuck next to each other. Ugh wish I rented a different book. Midway through the book it looks better.

As expected. Satisfactory.

The book met my needs and expectations. It was supposed to be in "good" condition but it showed up pretty rough. Every single page was marked up with blue highlighter from top to bottom.

I do not necessarily agree with some of the other posters. This text offers a comprehensive look into the realm of Biomedical Ethics. For the college courses that utilize this book, it should provide a reaffirmation of the material discussed in lecture. The topics are current in regards to society today. Overall I would recommend this to anyone in a college bioethics course, or someone looking for a reference for practice.

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