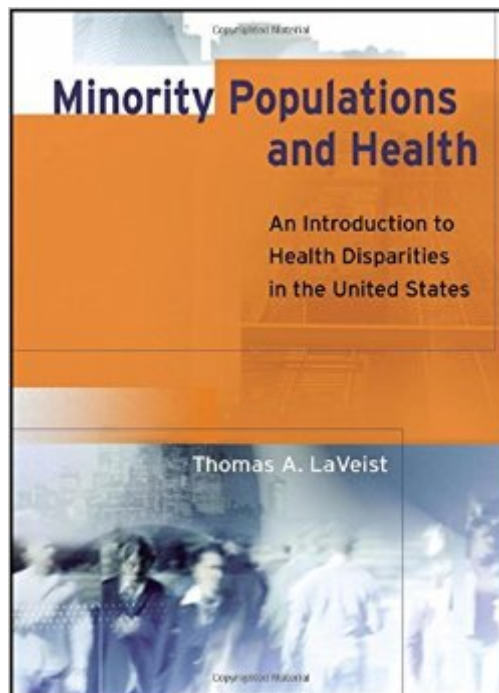


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I bought this text for an online class over minority health. Nearly all of the information for the class came from the book, so I read it cover to cover. I am a senior, so I have gone through many textbooks during my studies. This is the first textbook I am selling, for I do not think it is worth taking up space on my bookshelves. The first chapter describes the need for writing this textbook. LaVeist mentions that before this book minority health disparities was taught by reading individual studies. After reading this book I wish it was still taught that way. The majority of this book is definitions directly quoted from their source and half-page charts whose data is restated in the text. When the author defines a word, he often chooses to present multiple definitions to the same word to illustrate the idea that there is no consensus definition; the first time he does this makes the point; all other times is just filler to make the text more than a 50-page report. The data presented in the charts often conflicts with the data presented in the body of the text; beware if this is your main source of information for a class, for you will not know which is correct. There are also contradictions from paragraph to paragraph and chapter to chapter in the second half of the book, but if you read it carefully you can figure out which is most likely correct. Several of the studies in the text cite LaVeist as the source. You can look at this one of two ways: any credible textbook author will not use their own research as primary sources in their book, or the author actually does research in the topic of minority health and therefore is better suited to write a textbook. I'll let you decide which you believe, but I personally believe the former.

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