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Parasitology: A Conceptual Approach offers a comprehensive introduction to a multifaceted and often ignored field of biology and provides a useful jumping-off point for deeper study. Its broad theme-based structure effectively explicates several subdivisions of parasitology, and its case studies are judiciously chosen and highlight important concepts with salient examples. For those searching for a reference, the last chapter suffices. In sum, Loker and Hofkin's textbook is an excellent read for both undergraduate and graduate students.-**Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine**

The various parasitological concepts embedded in this text book are presented in a distinct and lucid manner which brings a fresh wave of thoughts in the minds of the readers. This book is a useful resource for the students and researchers involved in any parasitology or related fields. Finally, if you are a parasitology lover, we definitely suggest that this text book deserves to be in your personal library. -**Tropical Parasitology**

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