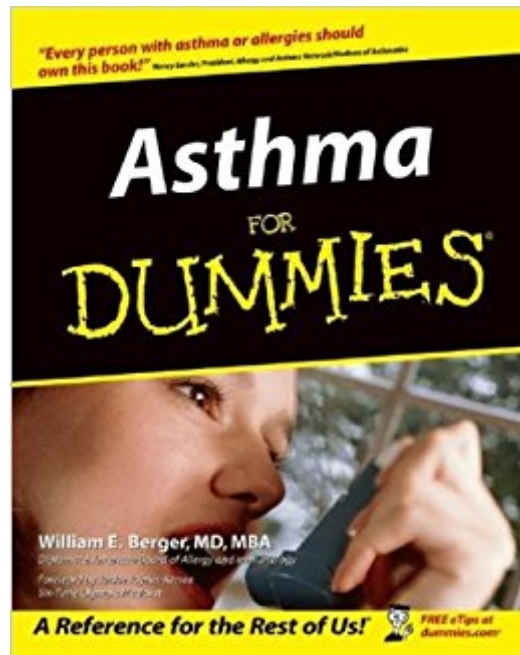




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I was skeptical of the name. However, I leafed through it (and many other asthma books) in a brick and mortar store before I bought this book. And I am so grateful! It's easy to read, but doesn't shy away from the technical and biological concepts you should know. It has nice diagrams for those of us who need the visuals to understand somewhat complicated biology. I feel so much more informed about my disease after having read this book. I feel like I can talk with my doctors and know what questions to ask them, and understand their responses! I can honestly say that after reading this book, I was able to advocate for my own health enough that I feel I can breathe properly and happily now. There are medications and small lifestyle changes out there that can improve an asthmatic's quality of life immensely. But it is important first to understand the disease itself and then what each medication or technique may do to help. This book is a good start, and I highly recommend taking the step to improve your well-being.

Not a cover to cover read, It is a good resource. I have already had some definitions of the different medications cleared up. Doctors visits do not cover all necessary information. It will be more efficient than blind google searches.

This book was extremely helpful in answering my questions about a recurrence of asthma after being free of symptoms for many, many years. I learned that you never really outgrow asthma and a recurrence is not unusual. I thought the book focused too much on allergies and did not explain how humidity might effect asthma. My symptoms get worse on chilly nights after a day of rain so weather seems to be my asthma trigger. Also the book does not contain any information on asthma support groups and neglects to cover controversial theories about asthma. However, it does describe all the medications you might be prescribed and their possible side effects.

I was diagnosed several years ago. Ignored it, and it got worse and this last summer, it got very serious indeed. I wish I had read this book when I was first diagnosed, I would have saved myself alot of grief.

This was a very informative book with all the latest asthma medicines and how they are used. It was up to date and written so that the average person could understand it. I find myself going back and reading several sections over and over. It helps me to see how my asthma affects me and that I am being treated properly for it.

Excellent information. Easy to access in a hurry. Dr. Berger has done an outstanding job once again. I have to admit I am a fan of Dummie books. In certain situations I want quick available information at my finger tips. This book does that.

Very helpful to understand Asthma

This book has helped me to understand asthma symptoms better! It is helping me get a handle on my asthma.

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