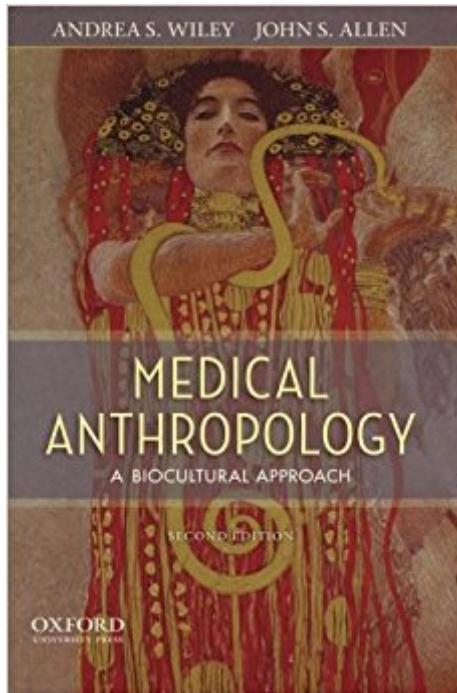


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Purchased this for a Health and Society college course that adopted an educational discipline in which incorporated numerous books to collectively create an opportunity for students to expand their appreciation for such a dynamic scientific field of study. Im glad to have had the opportunity to read this text book. Learning about Paul Farmer and structural violence has had a direct impact on how I view social constructs and societal issues and norm's.

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My Intro to Med Anthro class used this as the primary textbook for the first half of the class, and it covers all the important topics in just enough detail with examples of successful interventions.

Very informational book on anthropology!

Great Textbook!

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