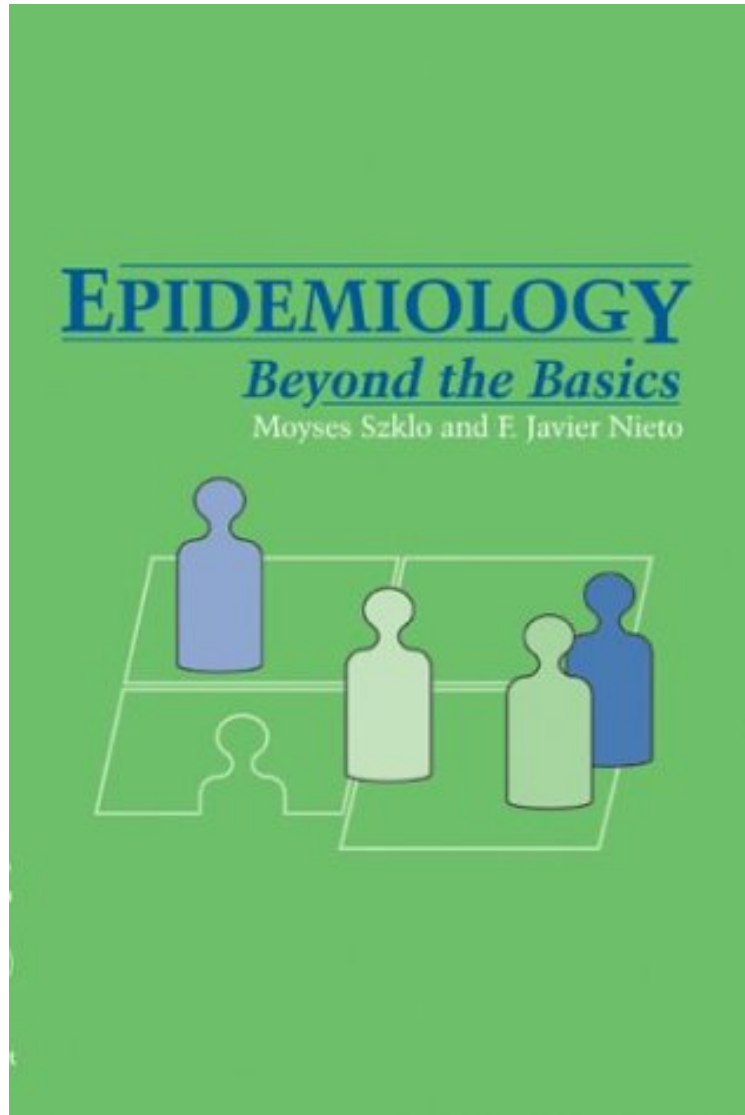


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would recommend this book purely as a reference for any epidemiologist; but, if your goal is to better understand epi concepts, this is not a good tool to do so (again, demonstrating that this is not an introductory text, per the subtitle).<sup>1</sup> of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great, Detailed Text Book By MD This book really have everything that you need for a crash course in Epidemiology. The chapters outline each subject well and include many useful diagrams. Each chapter contains practice problems and the answers are given in the appendix. As a student, I would definitely recommend this over other Epi textbooks.<sup>2</sup> of 2 people found the following review helpful. Epidemiology: Beyond the Basics By J. Wong The first thing one notices is that the authors continuously cite Gordis as a reference; one might've just purchased Gordis instead of this book. From a reductionist point of view, everything contained in Szklo and Nieto is almost also the same as everything contained in Gordis, except for the illustrations (which are not that great in Gordis, either). However, one thing that is missing in Gordis, but present in this book, are the algebraic derivations of many measurement of association equations (i.e., relative risk, odds ratios, attributable risk, etc.). Szklo and Nieto also dedicate more time in describing various aspects of different epidemiological studies, such as in the selection of cases and controls, their related measurements of association, and relevant examples from the literature or current studies. In addition, the chapters are organized rather dryly, similar to a calculus text book (i.e, Chapter 4, Section 4.1, 4.1.1, 4.1.1.1, etc.), though that may just be the reason why this book is recommended for the more "serious" intermediate epidemiology student.

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