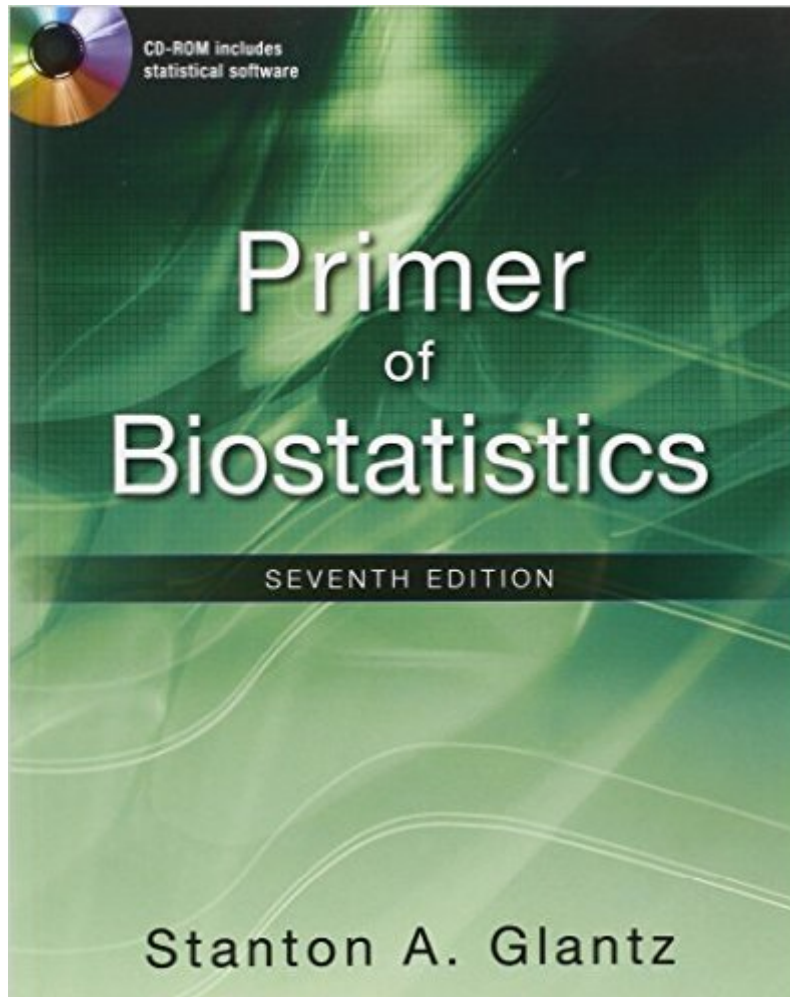


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This book showed up in my med school library today and I read most of it in about an hour. Not that I'm anything special in terms of reading speed, it's just not as dense as most stat books. That's a good thing, mostly - the author has an engaging writing style that's approachable. He goes over a large number of statistical tests, applying them to problems such as predicting martian weights for a given height. Yep, Martians. And plotonians, when the tobacco companies are forced to market further afield. But he is pretty step-by-step which is good for an intro. What is the standard deviation? When would you use a t-test? Why $p < .05$? If those are new concepts to you then I think you'd find it useful. He makes the point in his intro that many people just accept journal article results. Maybe that's his tie-in to biostats - if you are reading biostats articles then you need to know stats? To me, if you're looking to learn about biostatistics, I say keep looking. While the author does use examples that relate to living things, such as the effect cell phone radiation on rabbit sperm, it's got very little to do with the business of biostatistics. He's got so many elements in there to let you calculate stats by hand (or to use programs that appear on the accompanying CD-ROM) that it fluffs up the book unnecessarily. Personally I'd just get a Schaum's outline which will give you the opportunity to practice the concepts and then an actual biostats book to learn more about the field. Or maybe get

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