This book is a sub-set of the chapters from Fields Virology and has as its objective to provide for those whose primary interests are in basic rather than clinical aspects of virology, aiming to meet the needs of advanced undergraduates through to active researchers. A cheaper soft cover version of this book would merit a strong recommendation for undergraduate and postgraduate students but more than £60 for the present version is too much for students. The shift in virological research towards the analysis of pathogenesis mechanisms means that most active researchers might prefer to have the unabridged Fields as their reference text.

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