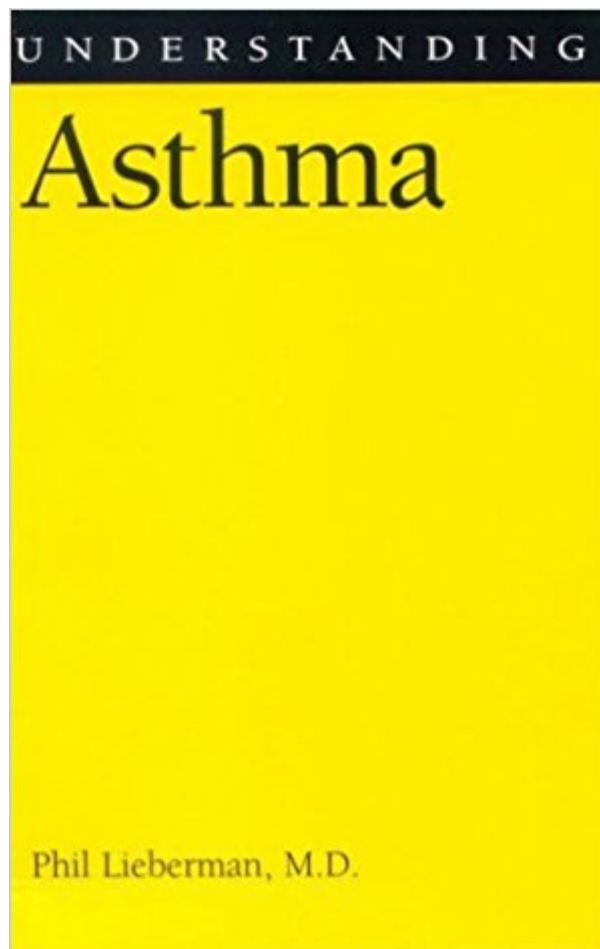




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I came to this book as it was recommended to me by a friend. I am not usually a fan of medical work, but I found this book to be entralling. The clarity and luminescence in which Dr. Lieberman explains the many facets of this illness is enlightening. I was especially impressed that even though I had no real background in this field I was easily able to understand the concepts and ideas put forth. Dr. Lieberman is a medical genius who deserves far more recognition across the world, and not just in the medical field. I recommend this book to anyone who appreciates works of intelligence, clarity and thoughtfulness.

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