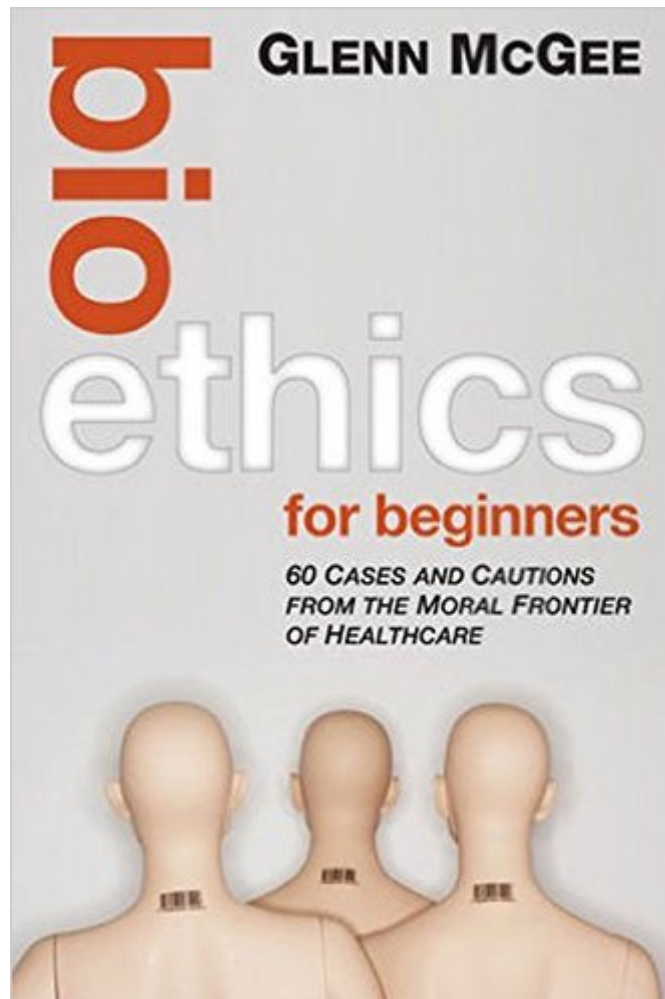


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How far is too far? 60 cases illustrating modern bioethical dilemmas Bioethics for Beginners maps the giant dilemmas posed by new technologies and medical choices, using 60 cases taken from our headlines, and from the worlds of medicine and science. This eminently readable book takes it one case at a time, shedding light on the social, economic and legal side of 21st century medicine while giving the reader an informed basis on which to answer personal, practical questions. Unlocking the debate behind the headlines, this book combines clear thinking with the very latest in science and medicine, enabling readers to decide for themselves exactly what the scientific future should hold.

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I ordered this book to see if it'd work as a text in one of the ethics course I teach (at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo). This book is perfect as a conversation-starter. It covers perhaps the most impressive range of topics that I've seen in the field, from persistent issues in reproduction and research ethics to emerging worries in synthetic biology, nanotechnology and robotics. Not just for classroom discussions, but this book also works well as a springboard for student research papers or projects on any number of topics. Much of the time, students won't know enough about current events and ethics to know what issues are really interesting or relevant to them. And not just for students, this book is accessible for anyone interested in bioethics. The bite-sized chapters or cases are ideal if you're busy and need to squeeze in reading whenever you can, and they can be read in any order you like. If you're new to the field, this is a great

crash-course to bioethics.

This book is an easy read, and each case can be reviewed on its own. McGee writes with a sharp wit, a good sense of humor, while addressing key issues seriously. Also available and I read while flying via Kindle on my iPhone or iPad2. He makes you think, not just a passive read. A few key basic definitions would be helpful.

The subject of this book, bioethics, has been fiercely debated in one way or another by practically every adult at some point in time. Regardless, the subject is not one at the forefront of most peoples' list of priorities, though it should be. The author has done a great job of discussing a complex and hotly debated subject and distilling it down to plain language that the average person can understand and analyze. This is a thought provoking read, and is highly recommended for everyone who has any involvement in the medical field; provider, researcher, or patient.

I was expecting much better case studies than is in the book. The ones listed are neither concise nor particularly useful when illustrating a particular bioethical theory or principle.

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