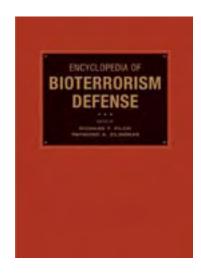
## AJEM BOOK REVIEW

Encyclopedia of Bioterrorism Defense

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The editors Richard Pilich and Raymond Zilinskas have done an admirable job of providing an encyclopedia covering the subjects of Bio Terrorism. The single volume of over 550 pages, 125 articles by some 100 contributors, who are recognized experts in their field, covers the wide spectrum of subject areas. The reader is provided with a concise overview of the topic with useful references to allow the user to obtain more comprehensive information. There is always the danger of trying to cover too much, which in the case of bio terrorism could fill many volumes, and the editors have achieved a nice balance. The book has a user friendly style with a table



of contents arranged alphabetically, and a comprehensive index. A number of subject areas are cross referenced to other associated topics that allow the reader to follow a particular theme. There are also case studies and lessons learned. Internet references are a welcome addition which helps facilitate the reader to obtain the most current information.

Bioterrorism is a complex subject that involves many facets including not just the typical biological agents, but the public health, research, and operational response agencies that would be involved in responding to and recovering from a bio terrorist attack. For the analyst, the book also includes information on terrorist groups who have demonstrated interests in Biological weapons. The serious reader on Biological terrorism should consider adding this volume to their collection. The book provides an easy to use reference that briefly covers the key subjects areas, and would be a useful addition not only to libraries, but to a wider audience including the health professional, emergency planner, and policy makers who may be involved in Bio Terrorism planning and response.

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