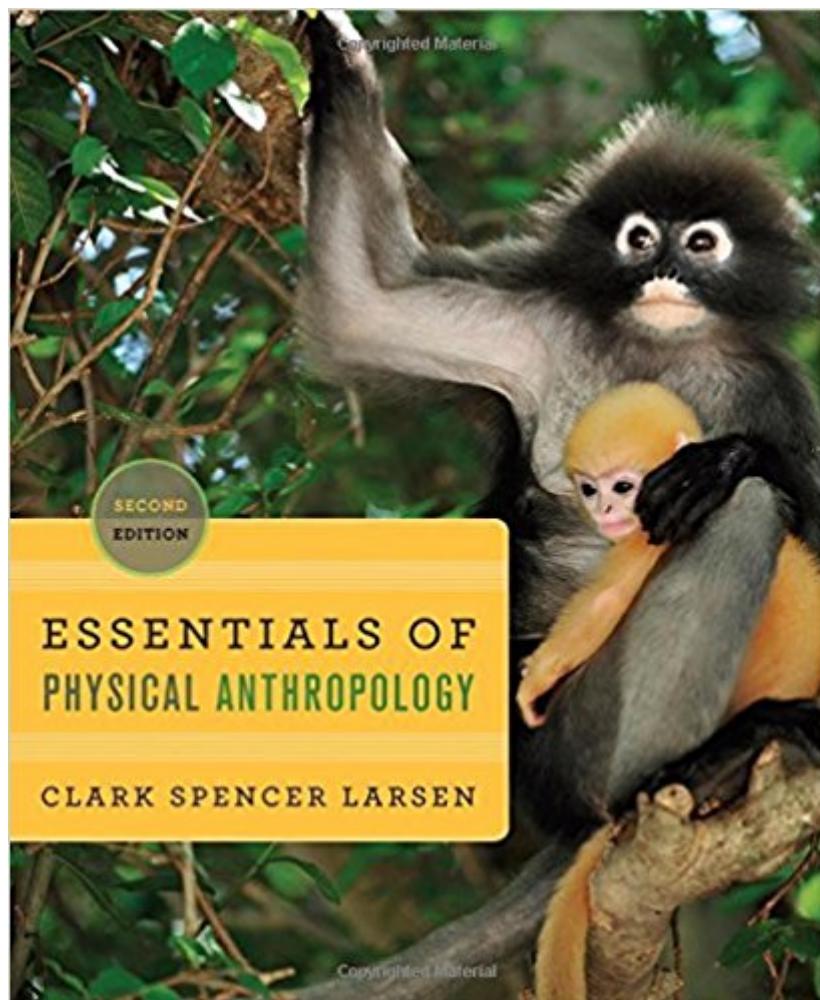


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Overall it's not bad, although it is sort of the picturebook version of physical anthropology. Lots of pages covering DNA replication, but nothing about species formation. Words like "speciation" don't even appear in the index. The book uses the words "gracile" and "robust" in the chapter on australopithecines, but does very little to explain the difference. The word "gracile" doesn't appear in the glossary or index. It's not unusable, but it's not great.

One of the better textbooks I have had to use in a long time. The pages are set up beautifully, the information is relevant and the overall feel of the book is excellent. If only all textbooks were this good.....

Had to get this for a class, exactly what I needed

Needed it for class

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Love this textbook! Great pictures and explanations of terms.

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