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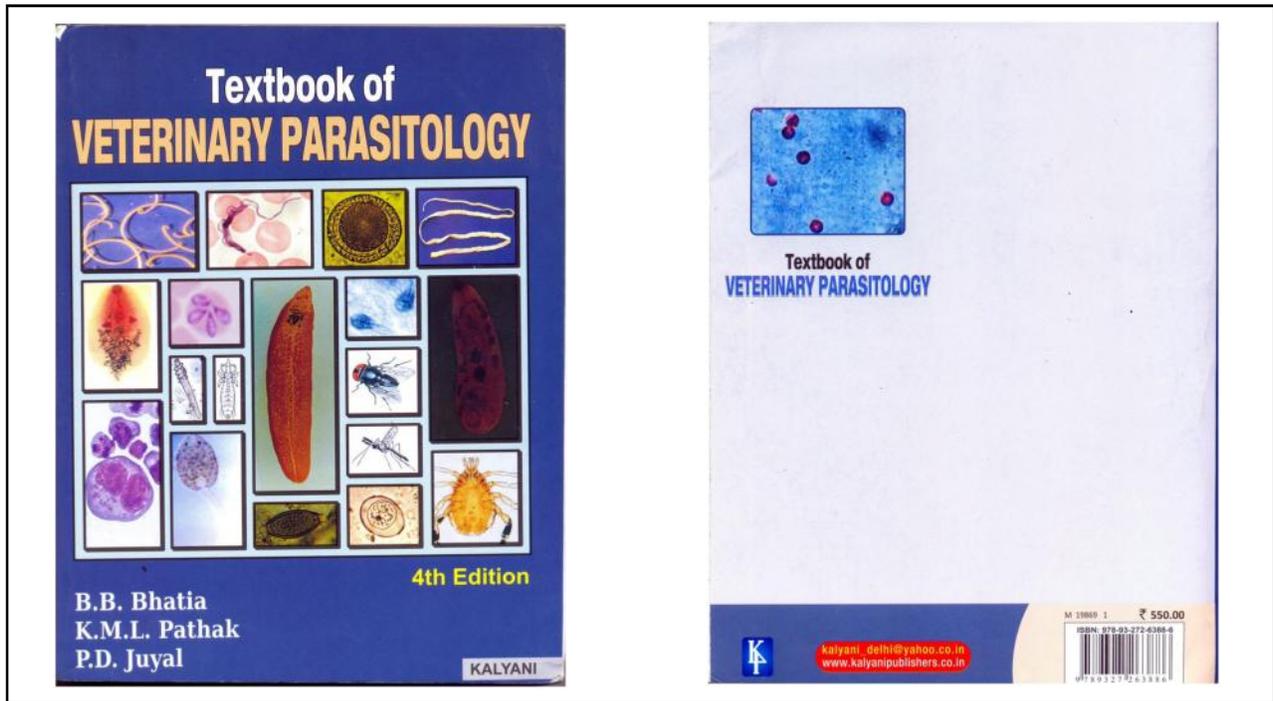
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## BOOK REVIEW



**Book Title :** *Textbook of Veterinary Parasitology*

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The text book on Veterinary Parasitology is an exhaustive comprehensive book specially designed for Undergraduate students. Almost all common parasites of the Indian sub-continent are dealt with irrespective of the region of the country and it covers all the essential chapters prescribed by Veterinary Council of India for B.V.Sc., & AH degree and M.V.Sc., degree courses. This book will thus be a useful resource for students preparing for competitive examinations like ICAR-JRF, ICAR-SRF and ASR examinations.

In the first chapter on General Veterinary Parasitology the authors have given an exhaustive list of definitions which will be helpful for the Undergraduate students who are new to the subject. The depiction of lifecycles is in the form of flowcharts which is an excellent way to help students understand and retain the complicated lifecycles of the diverse parasites. Tabulations to distinguish the different modes of infections has been incorporated to enable better understanding of the concepts.

The second chapter on Helminthology has also been covered in depth. All the pictorial depictions especially for the nematode section of this chapter are exemplary. The authors require special appreciation for their innovative approaches of tabulations, flowcharts and pictorial representations which aid in easier understanding of the concepts compared to lengthy paragraphs.

Chapters on Entomology and Acarology, Protozoology have been dealt in detail. The chapter on immunity will be helpful as it deals with the type of immune responses to parasitic infections and the logic behind production of parasitic vaccines. This correlation between immune response and rationale in vaccine production is a laudable effort.

The chapter on anthelmintic resistance is a notable addition which addresses the recent issues in the subject of Veterinary Parasitology. A chapter on Acaricide resistance if included would have made this book a complete updated version. Tabulated doses for drugs, ectoparasiticides will undoubtedly serve as a ready reckoner for both students and practitioners. Also, the tabulations included in the chapter of parasitic zoonoses are worth mentioning. Although the book is well-prepared, certain minor errors need the attention of the authors.

In the description of Schistosomes, the various stages of pathogenesis, viz., actinobody formation, granuloma etc., could have been elaborated as these are essential from student's point of view. Similarly, types of Cercaria can also be included in future edition as it will be useful to the PG students. Certain photographs included in the book also lack clarity as they have been converted to black and white print from a coloured one. This can also be given due attention in the subsequent version of this book. Definition on intercalary host is missing. Also, there is discrepancy in the definition of paratenic host/transport host. These are some points which are to be rectified in order to make the book a perfect guide for budding veterinarians and parasitologists.

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