

## Book review

### *Viruses and Cancer*

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The 14 chapters of this multi-author book provide a concise account of present knowledge on the role of viruses in oncogenesis. The newer fields such as those of the bovine and human leukemia viruses, the molecular biology of hepatitis virus B, the involvement of papillomavirus in malignancy are especially well-covered in that they summarize in a thorough and narrative way the more recent, often not so accessible and sometimes oversized original literature of these fields.

I consider this an excellent book for the general and medical virologist, as well as for the graduate student.

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