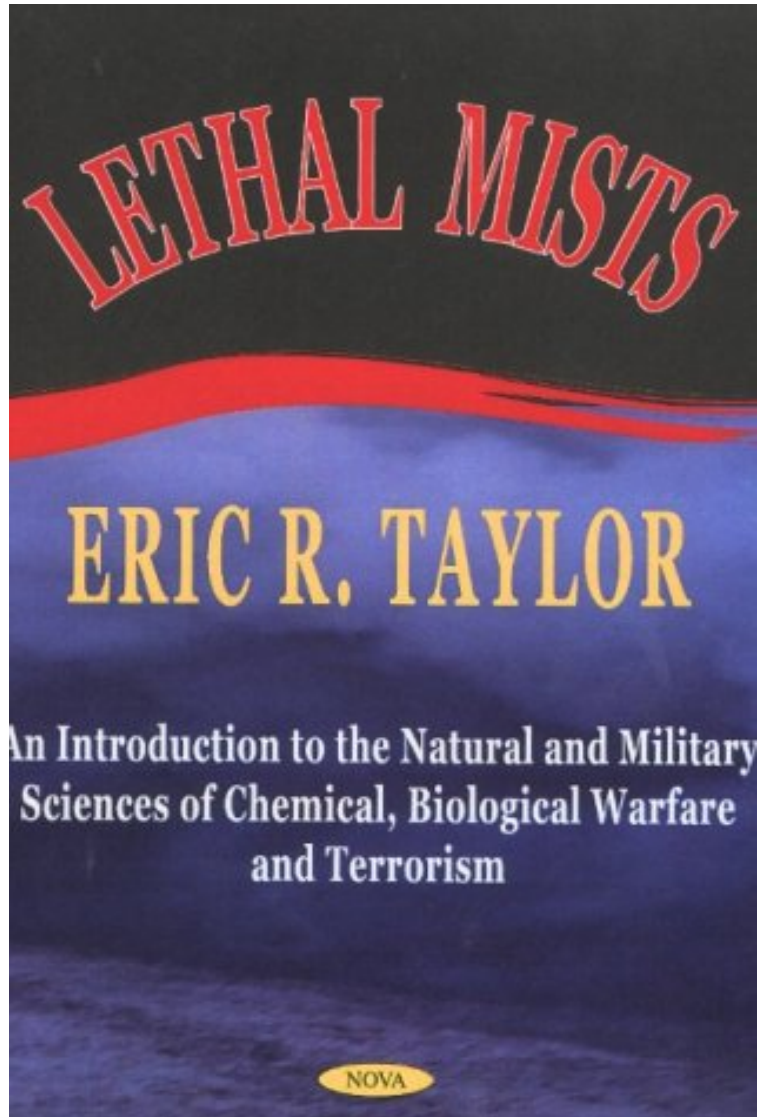


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Has value according to nervegas.com By Reid Kirby Eric Taylor recognized that most written materials on CBW were too technical for the average reader, and he intended to resolve this by demonstrating the natural sciences that CBW is based on. I unfortunately read too much into the title, and thus was greatly disappointed. Expecting to read a well illustrated book that discussed the natural sciences behind CBW - I read a book that was more-or-less a sectioned biochemistry textbook followed by a sectioned description of CBW

agents. Whereas the author could have shown the basis for selecting CW agents based on volatility, vapor density, etc., as was commonly discussed after WWI; or detailed the mechanisms for atmospheric diffusion - he dwelt on chemical bonds, basic biology, and the typical over-emphasis on CBW agents that is common to many CBW writers. Eric Taylor makes a good attempt at writing what he perceived was needed. It is full of many good examples, and presents interesting historical facts. I hold him in high regards in this respect. The author is a biochemist, and thus his emphasis is on biology and chemistry as it relates to CBW. This aspect will undoubtedly lose many readers, appearing to be a 101 microbiology or chemistry textbook with unrelated CBW Agent afterwards. The book's structure is topical, focusing on each topic while losing focus on the over-all purpose (i.e., post hole method). I did enjoy the author's historical treatment of many topics. 5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. A very important contribution. By Eric Croddy. Dr. Taylor's *Lethal Mists* is a very important book, and should be regarded as one of the main texts for modern study of chemical and biological warfare (CBW). The author explains in precise detail the mechanisms of chemical warfare (CW) agent injury, and he does so by making these rather complex issues very comprehensible. Dr. Taylor's perspective is a very insightful, educated, and objective one, not given to handwringing or other distractions. In addition to the excellent scientific background, *Lethal Mists* provides some very thought provoking issues concerning the future of CBW and American defense policy. We should all read this book before finding out the hard way.

This is a non-technical narrative of chemical, biological warfare and terrorism (CBWT) for the general, non-scientist, non-military background reader. It examines the scientific and military basis and considerations behind the use of chemical and biological agents to injure and kill people. It explains in the simplest terms possible the various agent types, their use, effects on people, how they injure or kill, and the means of detection, treatment, antidotes and decontamination. Where technical terms are introduced, they are clearly and simply defined. The tactical considerations for the use of CBWT agents also is explained as it applies to terrorist use against civilian populations. The book also views the nature of the threat to civilians, self-defence and warning techniques, and measures one may take to protect family and self if living near a chemical plant. It is for education and where possible, self-defence and awareness. After all, the greatest weapons used by the terrorist is ignorance and fear.