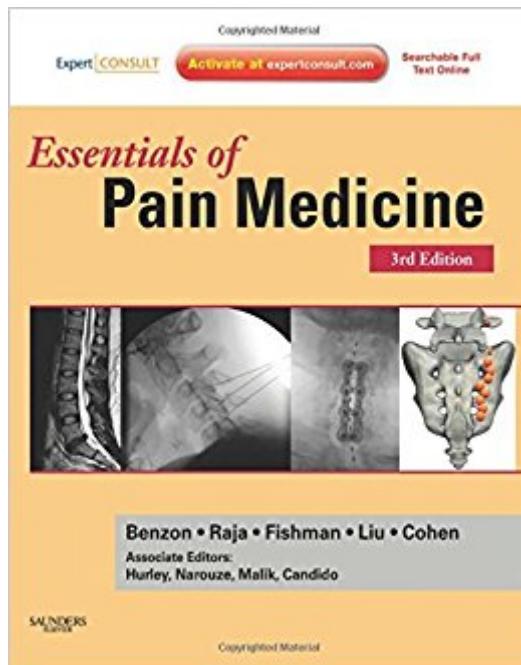


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No one deserves 5 stars but this one is a gem, and is closer to 5 than a 4 alright. If you wanted to fake being a doctor of pain medicine and had no training, this is definitely the book you would want. This, plus a good atlas of injection techniques for fluoro, and another for US would get you started. Pretty easy to understand, to the point, covers a lot of subjects. Or, if you were in family practice or IM, and wanted to learn enough to talk to the local pain doc, maybe show him or her up a little, this book would be your key. However, it does cover quite a number of topics that are not reimbursable - I guess that is good as I believe in some of them, like discography in certain situations, or pulse RF - but some clarification that the approaches are for practical purposes tough to do in reality would be

a help. Didn't agree with some of the statements / ideas. However, I've been doing pain since '90, and on reading the book I find a bunch of knowledge that I was not aware of before. It is only a couple of years or so to the next edition, most likely. However, unless you know all there is to know about pain, I'd buy this book anyway.

I'm Board Certified in Pain Medicine & will be taking the ABA Recertification test later this year. This book is an excellent & enjoyable up to date review of the subject. When I initially took the ABA test 9 years ago, there was no core text that was anywhere near as good. I actually read a good part of the then current Bonica text to prepare for the exam in addition to doing different banks of questions. This book, as many reviewers have noted, is really the best cover to cover read in our field. Personally, I do not like the current edition of Bonica as much as the previous one, as it loses sight of the forest for the trees in many of the subjects covered, which I didn't feel was the case previously. This book, on the other hand, is a good balance between giving an overview of each subject with an appropriate amount of details. This book is an excellent text book as well as a review for the ABA test. It will also be useful for lecture preparation. For ABA test candidates, I would recommend this book together with PainExam.com & the Dannemiller Certification Coach on-line at [...]

Excellent book on the subject of pain! I purchased this for my husband who is a physician. I didn't read it myself but I can tell you he was extremely impressed with the wealth of information in this book. He says, it's very well written and applied a lot of it to his practice. 5 stars!!

i read this cover to cover. then i took the pain board recert 10/11. i passed in 1993 then 2003 so it was time again.i think i passed the exam. not all of the questions on the exam were in this book.it was a good review that i read in about 40 hours.the title says "essentials" and if you compare it with Bonica it really is a summary as opposed to Bonica which is much more comprehensive (and is about five times bigger).i think the definitive pain medicine review book for the boards has yet to be written.this book is up to date, does a better job than the #2 edition, so maybe it will work for you.

Highly organized and very detailed, I found this book to further my knowledge of pain medicine. As a physician, I appreciated the detailed illustrations that complemented the passages as I read along. This is definitely something I would recommend for physicians in pain management, residents, and medical students who are in their clinical clerkship years. Great find. Hope to see more from this

author.

Concise and well-written overview of pain medicine. This book is improved over the previous edition which I liked a lot as well. Not written as a board review book, but its content is appropriate for looking up content and concepts for study. I used this book a great deal in studying for the ABA Pain Medicine boards. This book is in my opinion equivalent in scope to pain medicine as *Basics of Anesthesia: Expert Consult - Online and Print, 6e* (Expert Consult Title: Online + Print) is to anesthesiology. This text also has a section on regional anesthetic techniques which is useful for a pain management anesthesiologist.

Reading to stay ahead of the curve. Impressed multiple attending physicians from reading this book. Not the end all be all book though. Very concise and to the point.

Not a comprehensive textbook. Good review, can be used as a reference book. Overall - good impression. Not biased, with objective data.

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