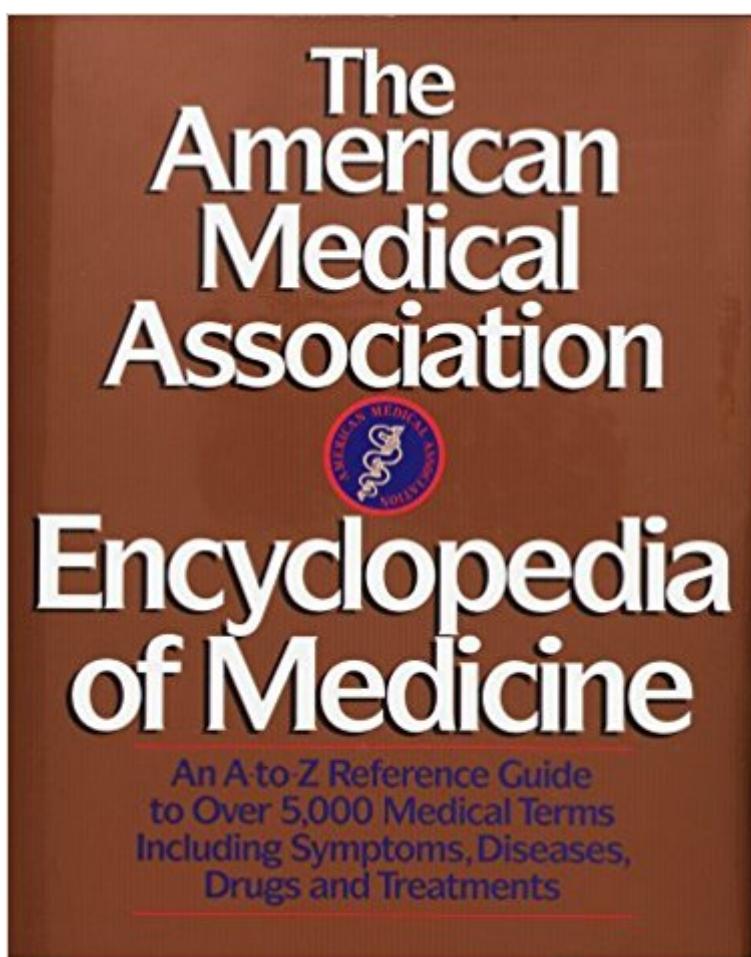


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This wide-ranging, up-to-date dictionary describes diseases, conditions, symptoms, medications, tests, procedures, and surgical operations for the layperson. Its authority, broad coverage, and excellent diagnostic charts distinguish it from similar works, although the AMA Family Medical Guide (LJ 11/15/82) provides more diagnostic information but less detailed description. Although it attempts to be layperson-oriented, it often fails; e.g., there are no cross-references from upper and lower gastrointestinal to "barium X-ray examinations," and many terms in its short entries must be looked up elsewhere in the book. A short list of self-help organizations (with phone numbers and addresses) emphasizes the limited usefulness of any work of this type. Nonetheless, for quick explanations, this book is among the best.- Robert Aken, Univ. of Kentucky Libs., Lexington

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This is the greatest book. If I ever need to know about any medical situation, I refer to this book and it has never failed to give me the information I need to know. My only problem with it is that it was written in 1989, and a lot has happened since then. I would like to see an updated book soon.

This book is a fabulous medical reference, and I own the original two volume set! With over 5000 alphabetized medical terms in over 1000 pages, it is the definitive work in the medical field.

As other reviewers have mentioned, why has Random House never updated this excellent home resource? Although still a valuable resource for the layman, much of the information (esp.

treatments, new disorders and diseases, new therapies, etc.) is now woefully outdated. I bought the Wiley (publisher) version, which is more medically current and similar, but "similar" isn't "the same." True, there are reputable websites like webmd, the Mayo Clinic, etc., but half of U.S. households do not have computers, much less are on the Internet (and thus don't have ready access to webmd, etc.). And for medical information, even with smartphones and the iPad and other tablets, electronic versions just cannot offer the ready access and convenience of simply opening a book, this one in particular. With an old-fashioned paper-and-ink book, one doesn't need to worry about being near an electrical outlet or charging the battery, etc. It would be great if Random House came out with a second edition, or, barring that, sold the rights so another publisher could update this fine resource.

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