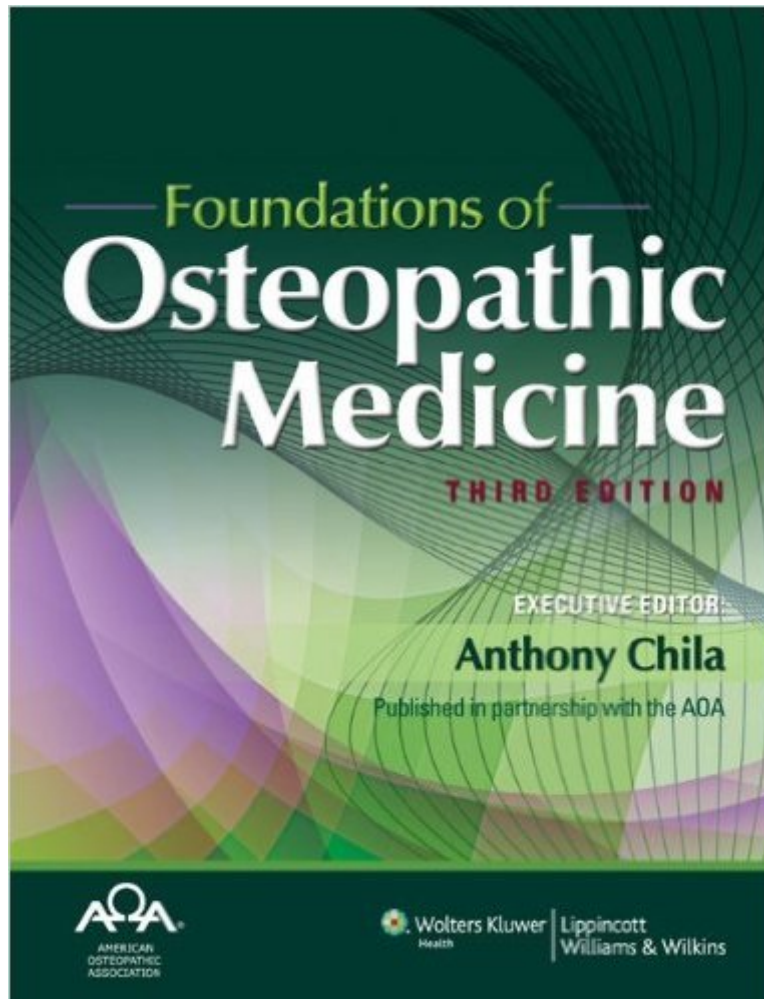


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I am somewhat torn with how to rate this book so I opted for 3 stars instead of 2. The problem is, there is a lot of good information in the book. I'm in my second year of medical school and it is cited quite a bit. However, there are still a lot of problems with it. Despite having a lot of good detail, some very important topics are surprisingly lacking, almost to the point of omission. For example, consider counterstrain. If you look in the index, there are 2 entries for counterstrain. When you turn to the first page, the book gives a definition of a Jones counterstrain tenderpoint and then a trigger point. Very little additional information is provided beyond a basic 1-2 sentence definition. The second page actually doesn't deal with counterstrain at all and is instead a discussion of sprains and strains.

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