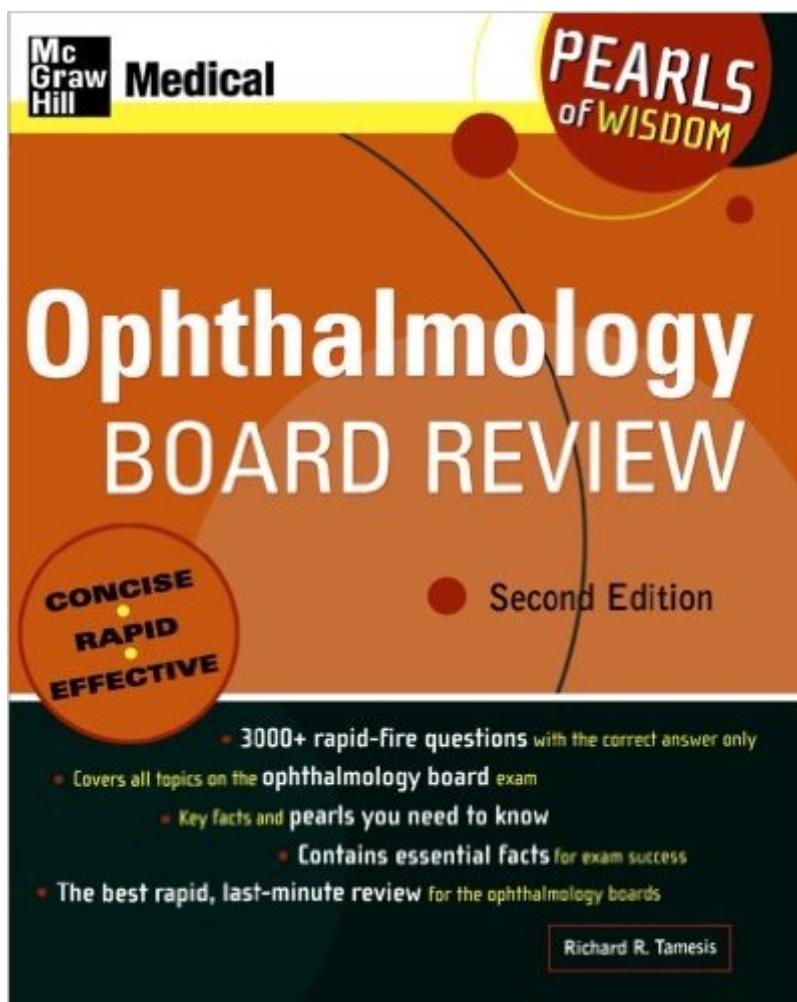


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## Customer Reviews

Thousands of straightforward questions followed by a concise answer. When reading this book you very quickly highlight your weaknesses and are prompted to go back to the text and review. I think that this book is most beneficial for knowing your stuff when getting pimped by attendings and fellows who tend to ask pointed questions during surgery or in clinic. This book has every question that they have ever thought to ask and many more. I would like to see some photos in this book with the same type of pointed questions since Ophthalmolgy is so dependant on clinical appearance for diagnosis and treatment. There is no dedicated pathology section, but all other topics including optics and pharmacology are tested.

4 stars instead of 5 because of silly editing errors and some wrong statements. Right off the bat they had the anterior and posterior lacrimal crests backwards and there are some other mis-spellings and grammatical errors. If you used the Step-2 quick review, this is near identical but with bigger font. Rapid fire questions and answers. Ophthoquestions is great, but not organized for initial studying and making comparisons/contrasts between pathology. It's a "quick read" and I still recommend Last Minute Optics for the optics review... this book is a little cumbersome for that.

This review book is a great, rapid fire question book with answers, similar to the Recall series most of us remember in medical school. So high yield I'm certain I bumped up my OKAP and Board scores by at least a few points. Some of the questions are out of date but so are the boards. Best section is the rapid fire optics questions. No pictures but that makes this book easier to review quickly, use it with the basic science books or friedman's open for pictures.

This is by no means a complete review book, but it's rather point by point of high yield facts. Note that rarely on the WQEs are they asking you such simple, factual questions. You're talking cases there--so you have to be able to use these points and apply them (think!)... and of course, it's never that clear cut. Still, if you're looking for a quick review...something to read through before an in-service quiz, the OKAPs, or prior to the WQEs, this might help. It's not as good as any of the First-Aid USMLE review books. There are no handy charts, etc. Heck, in looking through it, there are no pictures even. Two big flaws, IMHO--especially in ophthalmology which is so visually driven. This book could be done much better. In full disclosure, I returned it. There's a new version out of Chern's actual book, *Ophthalmology Review Manual* that looks good. A lot easier to get through than the BCSC (at least the first version was.) It also, to me, is a much better high yield review than this book. There are pictures, charts, graphs, etc. which I think you would be better off knowing than just bullet point after bullet point. Chern is 560 pages. This is 316 pages. You're going to want a separate Optics review, unless you were a physics major. *Last-Minute Optics: A Concise Review of Optics, Refraction, and Contact Lenses* is a time-tested favorite. Good luck. If money is an issue (which it is for most residents/fellows), this is not the first book nor the second book you buy. Buy the Chern questions. Your program probably gave you the BCSC, so buy the Chern Ophthalmology Review Manual as well. Then buy Optics, unless you're one of the guys who like/remember optics. Then buy this. If you don't have a good course that you can review/watch, then go for the Osler MP3 version. The Osler in-person Orals is extremely highly rated as well.

I think this book overall is a great resource. I love how it's easy to go from question to question in the way it's laid out. However, I think a lot of the details are too nitpicky and it's difficult to find information once you flipped the page. The organization of the questions are not the best and there are some repetitive questions in the same section. Overall I still would buy it simply because there isn't another resource similar to it.

I bought this book in order to study for my residency exam, it is almost entirely based on the American Academy of Ophthalmology Basic and Clinical Science Course. I love it, gives you key facts that you must know.

This book permits a fast and precise review covering all the issues of ophthalmology. A clear and concise question and answer for subspecialties is the clue for buying this book.

I've spent some time looking for a high yield review for the BCSC series, this book is it...it has a lot of high yield points the chief resident has been reviewing with us.

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