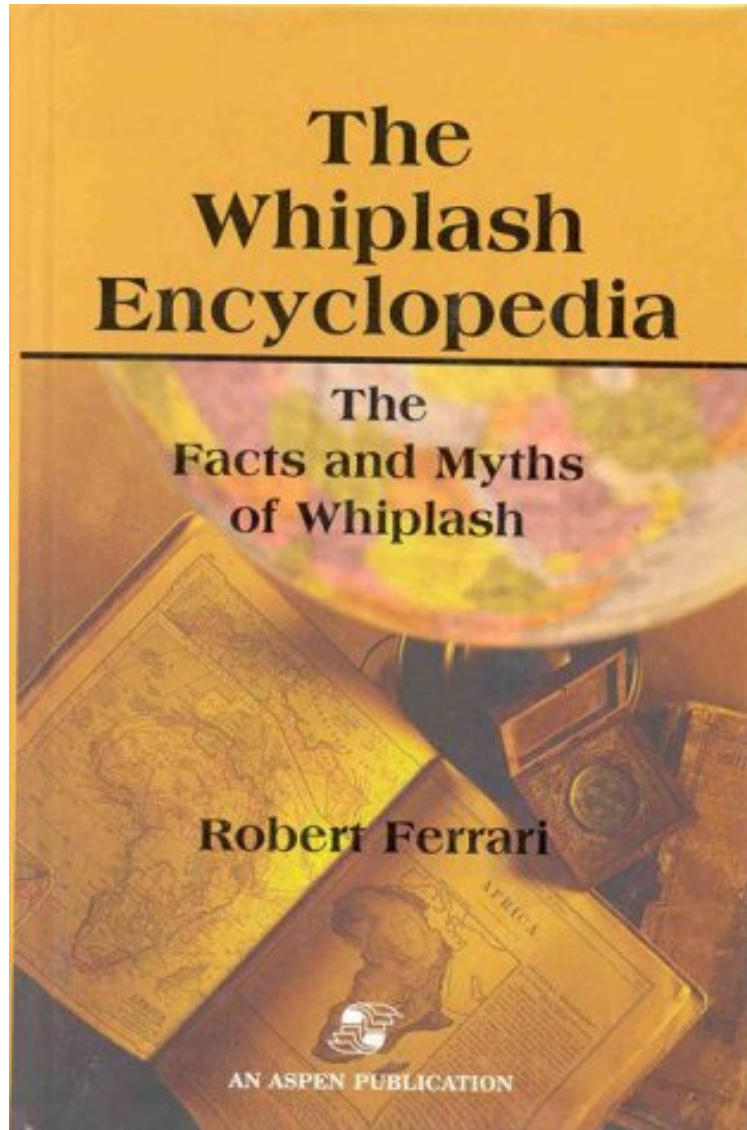


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Robert Ferrari : The Whiplash Encyclopedia: The Facts and Myths of Whiplash before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Whiplash Encyclopedia: The Facts and Myths of Whiplash:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Charles E. Seibert, MD very pleased 11 of 15 people found the following review helpful. This book has an eerie power to open up one's mind By A Customer Interesting. Very interesting. After years of practicing with these medicolegal quandries, The Whiplash Encyclopedia is a welcome eye-opener. Judging from the reviews thus far on this book, it is clear that whiplash is a highly polarized

topic. What The Whiplash Encyclopedia does that no other book has ever done is find that all important middle ground. Ferrari has avoided polemics and avoided much of the bias that exists in debates by searching for a truth that lies somewhere in between the opposing views of insurance companies and the Plaintiff industry. Ferrari asserts that the acute whiplash is real (it is a neck sprain), and that much of the chronic pain is real, even though clearly in some cases we all accept there is insurance fraud. Yet, he rejects the notion that the accidental whiplash injury produces some strange and curious chronic damage to the neck that causes chronic pain, and raises great doubt about the relationship between the accident and the chronic pain. He also rejects the notion that the pain is "all in one's head". This is where the book gets interesting - there is a third possibility above and beyond the polarized views of malingering and "unreal whiplash" on the one hand and chronic neck damage on the other. That is the truly novel gem in this book, and it may actually, besides saving insurers millions, save the courts and patients from their current struggles to deal with this problem. I am going to suggest that any medical expert or lawyer who goes into court without knowing what is in this book, while your "opponent" is fully versed in this book, has just lost the argument, and quite probably the whole case for the not knowing. This book has an eerie power to open up one's mind on a topic that most of us had already decided we understood. Scary. Very scary. 3 of 6 people found the following review helpful. The fairest of them all. By A Customer. This is the first book on whiplash where the author stays unemotional and sticks to science and intelligence. Ferrari makes no judgement on the literature, but simply puts a magnifying glass on the literature and lets the reader decide for themselves. What is most impressive is that he does not rant and rave as if he is desperate to convince you that he knows better and that you have it all wrong. He is probably the world's expert on the subject, but does not use his qualifications to try to impress you - you are impressed by how fairly he examines the issues. He does give his own opinion. He believes the whiplash injury is real and chronic pain can be genuine. He does not think whiplash is a lie, and yet he thinks there are many myths being perpetuated. He shows no particular favoritism to either the insurance industry or plaintiff lawyers. He treats them as equals, both having a responsibility to help solve the problem of chronic whiplash. This book is for everyone who is intelligent, is tired of listening to opposite ends of the spectrum, and tired of hearing emotional ramblings of one side of the other trying to convince you that they know what is best. People who argue too strongly for one side or the other, have to argue that strongly because they know they are not being fair-minded. Ferrari's careful and even-handed review is the fairest of the all.

Whiplash... It's a challenging medical, legal and social dilemma. Why do some people report chronic pain following acute injury, while others do not? Why is whiplash epidemic in some countries and unknown in others? Is it biological, psychological, cultural? Can whiplash be explained by any one unified theory? The Whiplash Encyclopedia is an authoritative resource that addresses the questions surrounding whiplash and provides multidisciplinary perspectives on this highly charged issue. Based on a comprehensive review of current and historical scientific literature, The Whiplash Encyclopedia considers all possible models that might explain the whiplash mystery. You'll find all relevant medical theories presented, as well as psychological and cultural considerations. Source materials are evaluated to assist medical, legal, insurance, engineering and other professionals in understanding the strengths and weaknesses of key arguments. A comprehensive bibliography leads readers to key resources, diagnostic tools and informative research.