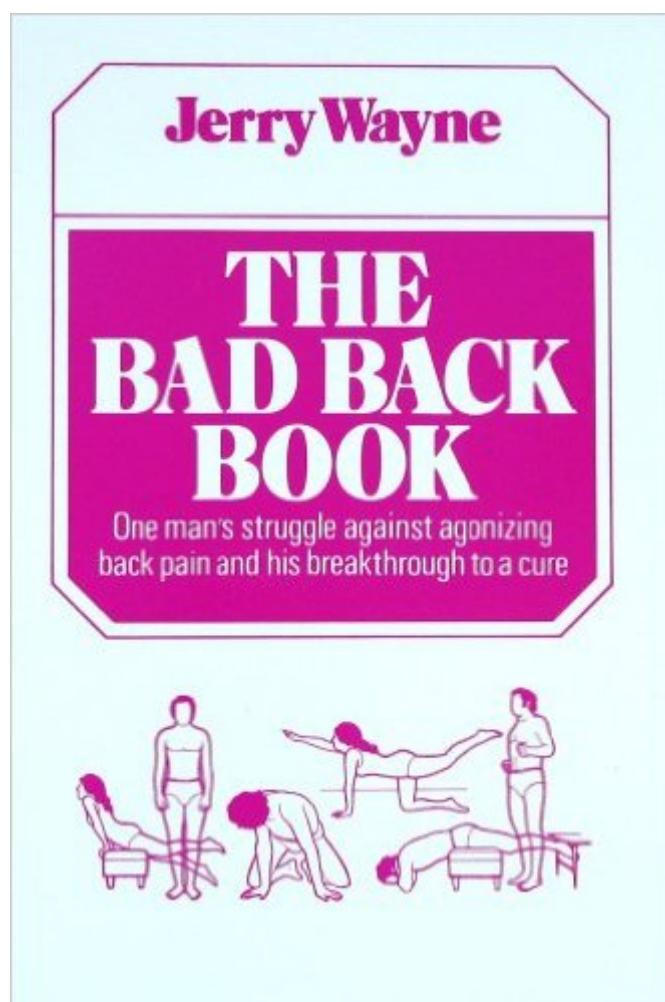


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In adolescence, I experienced a pars defect at L4, which led in early adulthood to a spondylolisthesis with excruciating pain in my back, radiating into my buttocks and one leg. Fortunately, by this time I had been on the staff for several years of Rancho Los Amigos Hospital in Downey California a major rehabilitation teaching hospital, and part of the University of Southern California School of Medicine. This is significant, because the first "problem back pain" treatment unit was established by Vert Mooney, M.D. at Rancho in the early 1970s. He has recently been awarded the Wiltse Lifetime Achievement Award by the International Society for the Study of the Lumbar Spine. This is significant because he and other orthopedic surgeons at the hospital were real medical scientists and objectively studied the results of available back surgery techniques, usually reporting a mixed bag of outcomes. When I hurt my back, I asked for some guidance and one of these physicians recommended Jerry Wayne's book, soon after it came out in 1983. I used it successfully myself and then began to recommend it to my own patients who were participating in "work hardening", a program that I developed at Rancho in the mid-1970s. Over the years, I have purchased and given away more than a dozen of these books, generally hearing back that the story was engaging and believable and the exercises were useful. Later in my career, I spent 10 years on the editorial board of the journal Spine and had the opportunity to peer review dozens of papers addressing symptom control and rehabilitation after low back injury. I've also had several of my own papers published in this and other scientific journals. The bottom line is that surgery should be

avoided until the possible benefits of exercise have been exhausted.

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