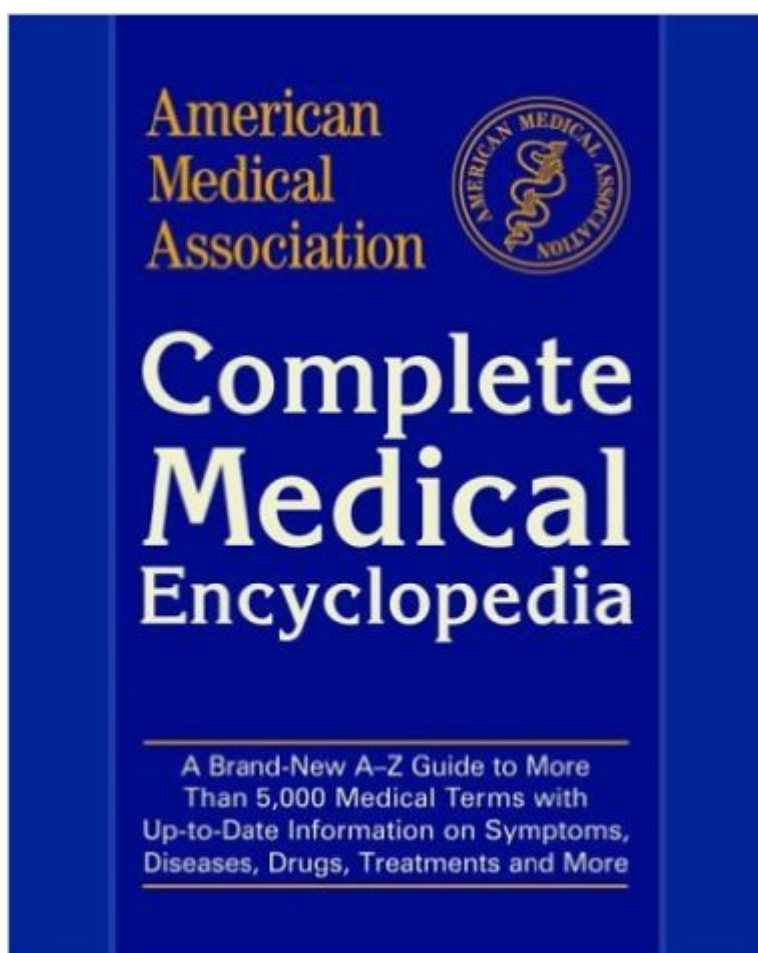


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medical conditions described in concise yet thorough detail, but symptoms and treatments are included as well. The only thing keeping my review from being 5 stars is that it has fewer photographs than the 1989 publication. In some instances, a drawing does fine, but in others, it is a poor substitute. For example, in the new edition, there is a drawing used to illustrate a goiter, and all you really see is some shading on the neck that gives no sense of the size or proportions of what a real goiter would be like. In the 1989 version, a photo of a person with a goiter clearly and accurately depicts the condition. I would not want the lack of photography to keep someone from acquiring the book, because it is an excellent resource. Whenever the next revision is done, however, the extensive use of photography needs to be reincorporated.

My family has always relied on the old AMA Encyclopedia; this new edition is terrific. It has more definitions, even better illustrations and photos, and more practical information. I especially like the symptoms charts and the color section on the human body. With all the questionable health information on the Web, it's good to have all the basics in an up-to-date guide from a source you can trust.

The AMA Encyclopedia is invaluable. It's complete, detailed and well laid out. It's the best resource short of the internet. We used the old guide for years. The front section that allows you to go through an illness step-by-step is worth the cost alone. What a good investment in your health.

I love this encyclopedia. I had a 1989 version that needed an update so I ordered this, the 2003, the most recent publication I could find. It's a great way to look up symptoms, diseases, body parts, etc, without having to go online. I think every household should have one.

ordered a different medical book, and got this. was incomplete. (comes in two parts) tried to re-order and this kept popping up. Still have it in a drawer, they didn't want it back, guess that speaks for itself.

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I grew up with one similar at my parents' house. I felt I needed one now that I'm all grown up. Great reference book with good pictures and explanations. Every home should have one.

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