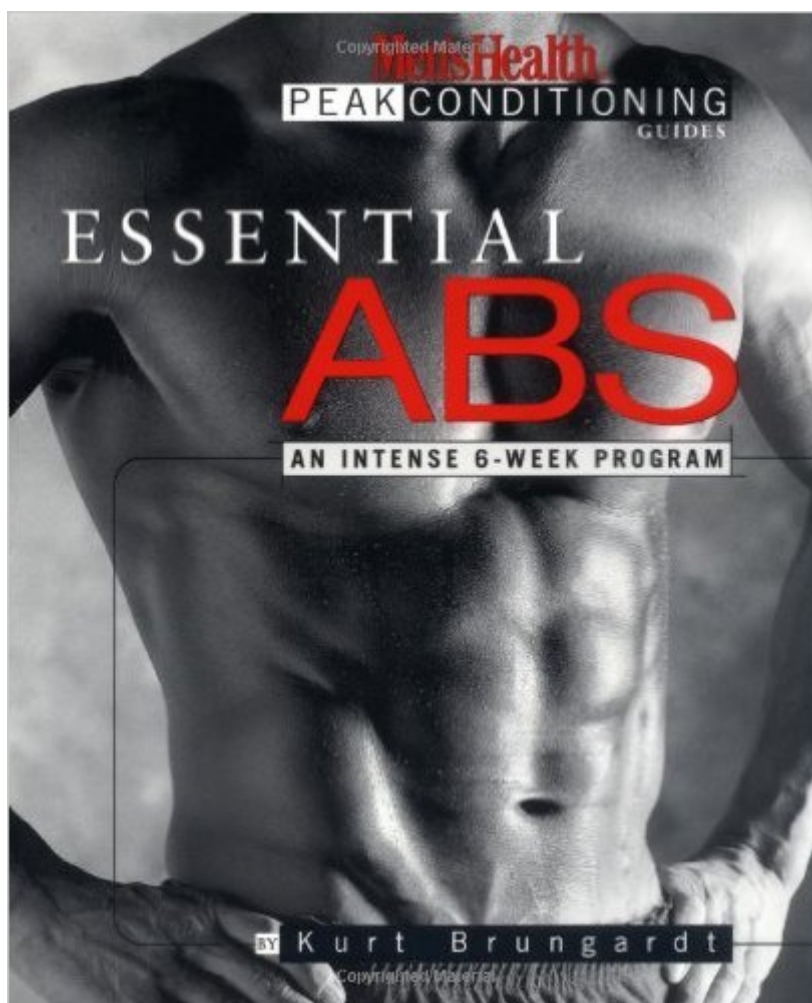


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- * Modifications that eliminate neck strain

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I purchased about 10 books from [Amazon](#) on abs in order to compare them. This one is a rather simplistic book. It's like an enlarged Men's Health magazine article. If all you want is a book that tells you exactly what to do for a specific time period, you'll be better off with *The Body Sculpting Bible for Abs*, which has more information as well as a DVD. Here's my conclusion from comparing books...If You Want to Trim Your Waistline: You can't trim your waistline without losing fat, and you can't lose fat around your waist without losing it everywhere (focusing on a muscle group like the abdominal muscles doesn't burn fat in that location, just a little bit of fat from everywhere on the body). So, if you want to trim your waistline, skip the ab workout books and go with a good, proven overall weight loss and fitness book like Bill Phillips' *Body for Life*. The *Abs Diet* is a similar program, but like all the

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