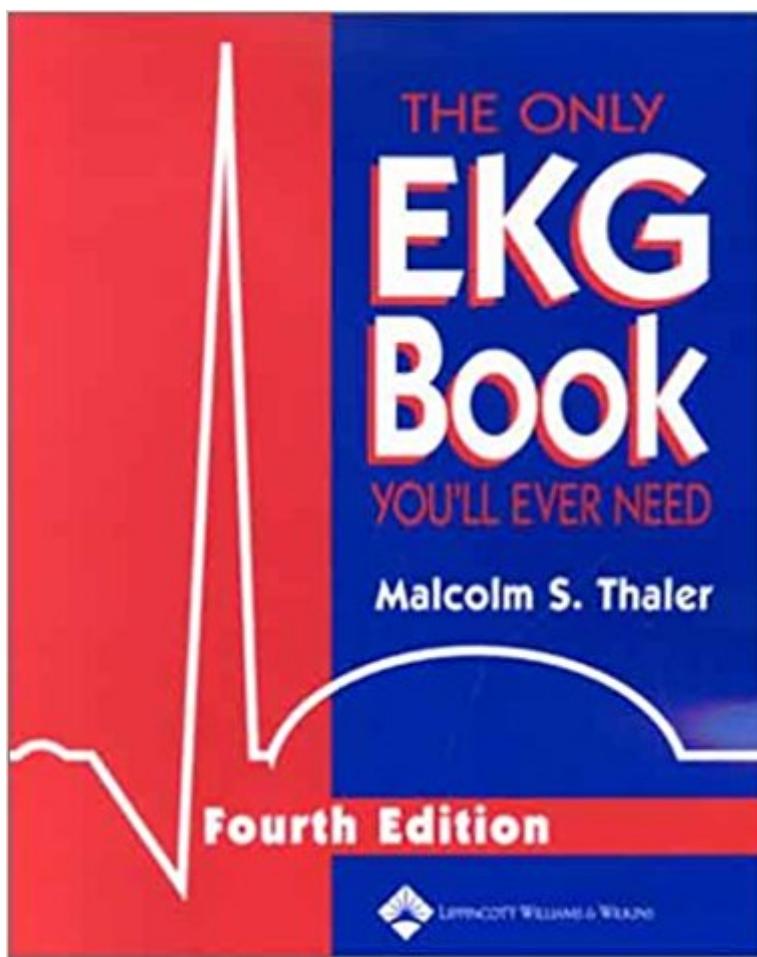


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# The Only Ekg Book You'll Ever Need (4th Edition)



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Now in its updated Fourth Edition, this popular and practical text presents all the information the clinician needs to read EKGs efficiently and accurately. It is an ideal reference for medical students in ICM courses, house officers, or anyone directly involved in patient care, whether student, teacher, or practitioner. This edition includes new information on pacemakers, ischemic heart disease, and myocardial infarction treatment. The book features more than 200 facsimiles of EKG strips and numerous case studies and clinical examples. Also included is a pocket-sized review section that can be removed from the book and added to a pocket notebook.

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## **Customer Reviews**

American Family Physician, 01-APR-00, Volume 61, Issue 7, Rosaire Verna, MD, Georgetown University, Washington, DC -- Praise for the previous edition: "This text will no doubt be helpful to those learning the important key features of EKG interpretation."

I've been a nurse for some years, always worked with tele patients. I've never taken a 12-lead EKG class. Another RN had a different EKG book she was reading, I went ahead & read the 1st chapter. I thought that author made it fun. The only thing was it was one of those fill in the blank books, which i found myself trying harder to figure out the right word than understanding the concept. I'm pretty glad I purchased this one. I think this author is very matter-of-fact, again making the concepts easy, & I like his case studies. Before I started reading EKGs, they were just a bunch of squiggly

lines, and after reading the book, they were still a bunch of squiggly lines, but I felt more educated. I'm reading it a second time, so that I can see why the lines between hypertrophies & MIs are different, which are making me say, "oh yeah, I get it." I'm also reading the 12-leads from my patients charts (before I read what the machine says), and getting most of them :)

Perfect book for nurses and medical students. The writing is engaging and humorous, and the lessons progress in a logical manner. I already had a good handle on EKGs before purchasing this book, but it would be good for an absolute beginner as well. You won't need anything more than this book to be comfortable and proficient with EKGs.

I am a paramedic and love this book only because it helped with school and still has some good information for reference. This book isn't your solve all problems book but it is a great book to teach you and get you started on understanding ECG rhythms and will help you in the future of your medical career. This book helped our class out a lot only because our paramedic books only went over the minimal requirements and most of us wanted to learn more and advance our knowledge and this book did in fact help. Again if you are learning ECG and already know it and want to learn more into it than this book is for you. I have this book sitting on my shelf in case I even forget something or see something new and want to know why it happened or what it means. Good reference material.

When I went to medical school 20+ years ago learning EKG's was pretty simple: start with Dubin for the basics, then on to Marriott for everything you need to know. After medical school my practice setting involved almost never looking at EKG's. 20+ years later my practice changed and I needed to start reading EKG's again. Scary how unused knowledge goes away. A refresher on EKG reading was needed. Dubin too basic, just couldn't get into Marriott. Too wordy and dense. As an example, page after page on fascicular blocks but nothing I could take from it to make the process make sense. Then I got this book. Starts from the beginning like Dubin, but takes you far beyond that book. Made the aforementioned fascicular blocks easy to understand and interpret. After just 3-4 hours with this book the foundation was in place and I was ready to start looking at EKG's again. Went to hospital, read about 20 a day with overreads by cardiologist. After a month of that turned me loose. Couldn't have done it this quickly or easily without this book.

The book is well done. It is well presented, it is not heavy so you can have it in your bag while you

are working. Good letter, good EKG's in color. It keeps simple things simple and complicated things clear and concise. It is divided in nine chapters with cases at the end and summary of important items. Chapter 1: The Basics Chapter 2: Hypertrophy & Enlargement of the Heart. Chapter 3: Arrhythmias. Chapter 4: Conduction Blocks. Chapter 5: Preexcitation Syndromes. Chapter 6: Myocardial Ischemia & Infarction. Chapter 7: Finishing Touches: Electrolyte disturbances, hypothermia, drugs, other cardiac & pulmonary disorders, CNS disease, The Athlete's Heart. Chapter 8: Putting It All Together: 11 step method for reading EKGs Chapter 9: How do you get to Carnegie Hall? Practice... EKG strips! I do really recommend it, and it has a US\$36 price (shipping included) thank you

This book is written in a style that makes a complex subject readily understandable. The section on understanding the cardiac axis is excellent and presents the subject in a step-by-step manner that really helps lock it into memory. Definitely one of the best medical books I've ever read. The Kindle edition on Kindle fire displays well and the ability to increase the image sizes is definitely helpful. It's readable on my PC but I would suggest reading it using the Kindle for better display of the tracings.

I was moderately pleased with the first two chapters of this book. Then, beginning with chapter 3 on arrhythmias, none but one of the many EKG tracings were labeled with the lead they were made with, and subsequent chapters have almost no labeling as well. This makes understanding the theory involved almost impossible, particularly since many tracings bear no resemblance to those of the normal heart (for an example, see p. 111). Though possibly an editorial oversight, the online version has not been amended. In addition, the definitions of the various waves given in the first chapter is inconsistent with terminology used in later chapters, and some important concepts are not defined at all. The book is full of nonsequiturs, forward references, and unexplained phenomena which seem important. Though comprehensive in scope for a book of its size, those seeking understanding rather than rote memorization of EKG patterns in order to pass some USMLE exam would do well to look elsewhere.

This is such a well written book. Potentially confusing ideas are presented simply, yet not watered down. It is concise, and can be read in a single sitting if you are so inclined. My medical school recommended Dubin's book. While it works for many, I disliked the fill in the blank, kindergarten style of Dubin, and prefer the mechanism based explanations in this book. While I do not think this is the only ekg book you will ever need (depending on your career path), it is certainly the best text

out there to help med students build a strong foundation in ekg interpretation.

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