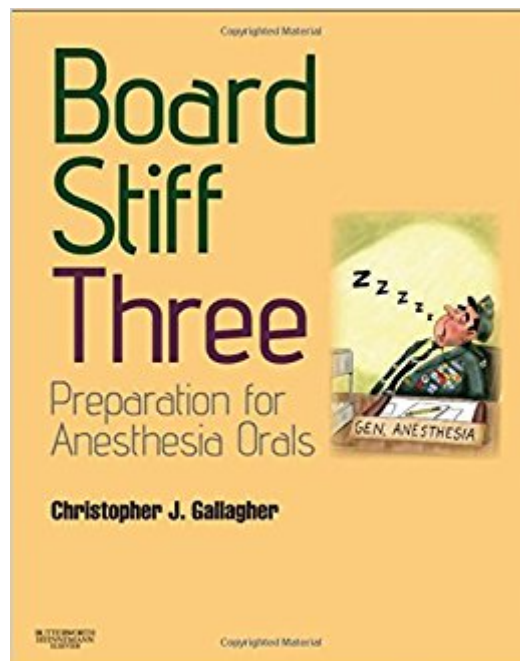




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Synopsis

Think the anesthesia oral boards are no laughing matter? Then you haven't read Board Stiff Three. The new edition of this popular anesthesia review book is written in the same winning style that was the hallmark of Board Stiff Too. Dr. Gallagher's signature humor and engaging writing style make this terrific prep book a fun read while still delivering all the most important things you need to know for the boards. In addition to a thorough content review, the new edition also features an extensive section with self-assessment questions. It also includes a bonus DVD with simulated board scenarios that will further help you prepare for the boards. Provides the ideal study guide for the anesthesia oral board exams. Incorporates a unique and humorous approach to make braving the oral exams as enjoyable as possible. Uses the same format as the real exams: clinical scenes are presented, followed by preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative questions. Includes a bonus DVD with simulated board scenarios.

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Excellent book, well written, good scenarios. Would still recommend oral board review course, but

this is a great start, as is Board Stiff Too. Have heard great things about Dr. HO's oral board review, but have not attended one yet. Also know that Dr. Gallagher has a live oral board review course, but no information on the quality. Have to think, based on his books, that the live course would also be very well done. Dr. Gallagher has authored/co-authored several anesthesiology books. I don't have the first Board Stiff book, but I do have Board Stiff Too and Board Stiff Three. Both are excellent; very informative, great suggestions and considerations for study, and simultaneously entertaining. Board Stiff Three has a DVD as well. Laughing out loud as you study actually helps me retain the information. Highly recommend this book and anything by this author (Chris Gallagher). Dr. Gallagher is an attending anesthesiologist at a highly respected program. I've heard he has been "Teacher of the Year." I wonder if Dr. Gallagher is as terrific in person, as in print.

It took me more than 1-2 attempts at Oral boards to find out about this book and it's unbelievable value. Anybody who is preparing for orals have to review this book a few times. Don't be fooled by its simplistic approach. It is very practical. I tried other "famous" oral board review courses and after passing the Orals believe Board Stiff's approach is THE way to go! I also took Board Stiff live and recommend it to everyone. Again, having been to other "famous" courses, BSL was THE best...

While I enjoy Gallagher's great sense of humor, the book itself is the bigger joke. Entire chapters are copied and pasted from handouts the author makes for residents without any editing whatsoever. And this is the third edition. I can't imagine how slipshod the first edition must have looked. The example answers submitted by his contributors do everything wrong. Rather than properly edit them into helpful examples, the author just adds asides that say, "Don't do it like this." Seriously? One sample board response included text lifted from 6 different papers. Most of the cases are ridiculous and the explanations are even worse, though they are fun to read. The last third of the book is difficult cases without explanations. I wish I'd bought something else. If a new CA1's wrote an oral board review book and self-published it in his/her garage, it would be better than this.

Barebones review book with multiple cases to help focus your studying for the Anesthesiology oral boards. Don't expect it to be as detailed as a primary reference. It only helps you identify your weaknesses and strengths to guide your studying. You should not rely just on reading this book to pass the oral boards!

I barely used this book, I didn't find it very useful. I used Ho and Big Red instead. Those were much more helpful.

While not comprehensive, it will give you a good overview of what you need to know. Take a course like Ho and the two combined will help you pass. Quick read and the humor will make you laugh!

Know all the info in the first half of the book which covers high yield topics, do the practice stems and grab bags in the book by yourself in the mirror or with a friend, get old exams and practice and supplement with ASA refresher courses and you have THE cheapest way to pass the oral boards without a problem. Excellent.

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