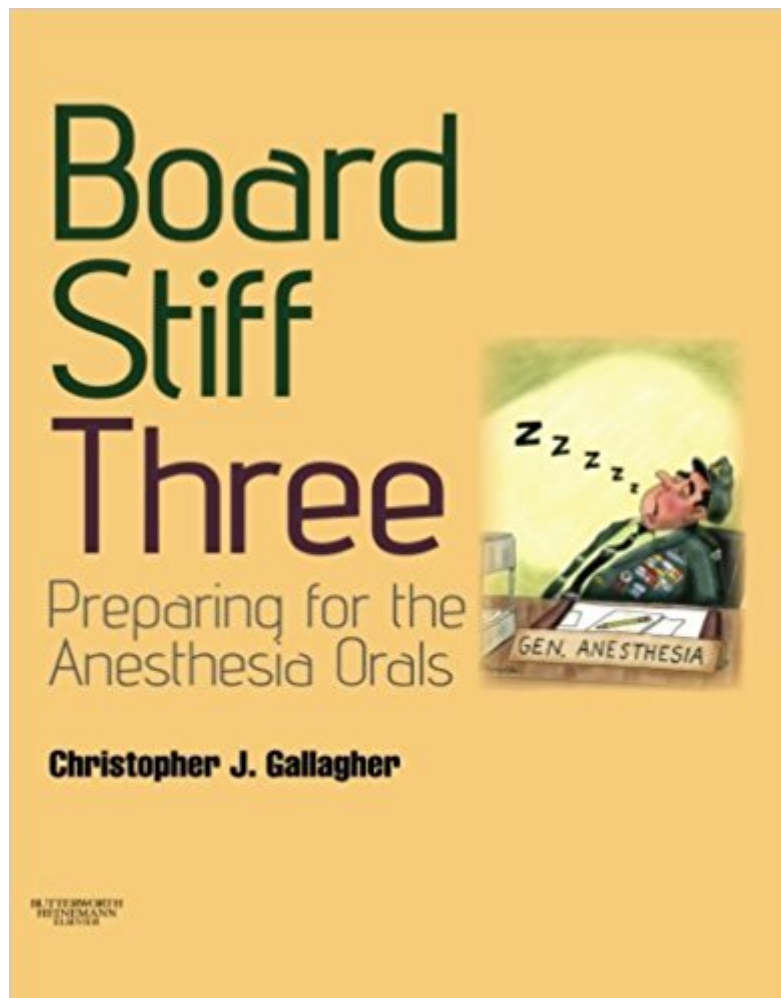




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Synopsis

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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Customer Reviews

This is a great first book when preparing for the orals. The DVD with it is a humorous treatment of common mistakes made by candidates. I used the 2nd edition for my own oral board preparation. Would not recommend this as the only source for review. However, mastery of all the clinical vignettes contained herein would probably put you on a low pass trajectory. The Essential Oral Board Review by Michael D. Ho, M.D. is recommended for comprehensive review. The successful candidate should consider a live course since this is a "talking test." Allan R. Escher, Jr., DO Oral

Examiner, AOBA

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.

At first I thought the book was just very superficial, and then I realized that it was also out of date. The initial overview of systems is bare bones, but easy to read because of its conversational tone. Everyone raves about the cases, but I find most of it is a lot of fluff with no details. He doesn't get to the point, and nobody has time to answer questions like that (I know - I just took the oral boards). They are cases from his own experience, but what really irritates me is that he will give a 5-part question that I will think through, and then he only answers the first part of the question! WTF?? I can look up the answer elsewhere, but why did I buy your book if you are not going to answer your questions? I should buy a book with answers! This would be adequate for a CA1 prepping for mock orals, but for anything else, it is absolutely ridiculous and intellectually insulting. I'm still hoping to learn something from the cases and grab bags, but I am pessimistic. I bought this and the Lange flash cards. I have to say the flash cards provide at least 50 times the information contained in this book, and in a much more organized fashion.

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!

Great book, easy to read. Think I easily read the first 70 pages one evening....great scenarios and solutions

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...

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