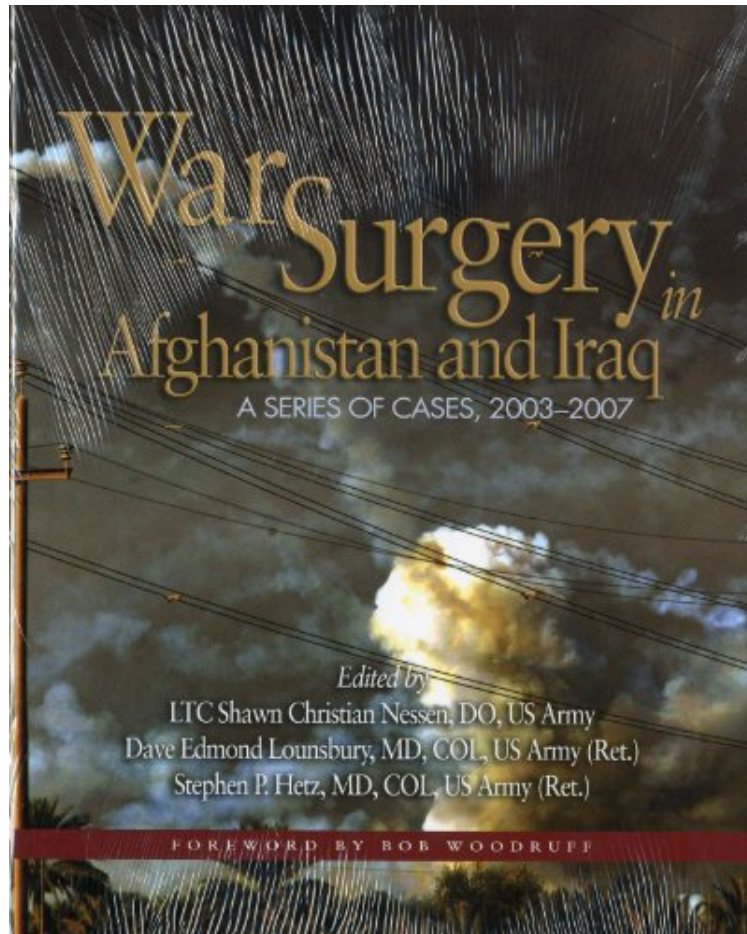


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Belated review of War Surgery in Afghanistan Iraq 2003-2007By Ulysses7245I bought this book when it first came out, after reading a review in the NY Times. The brass didn't want it published, but the Surgeon-General of the Army had guts rank enough to insist and it made it into print. I recently pulled it off the shelf and re-read it cover to cover. I was as floored the second time as I was the first. This is an astounding piece of work, bearing witness to the superb intervention the medical corps does to treat these appalling combat injuries. It is not a book for the squeamish, but it should be required reading for one and all. These are the

consequences of the 2 wars in which we are involved. The text is dry, as befits a case presentation; it's the pictures that grab you. I think of this book, with its horrific photographs, every time I nod and say, "Yes, I support our troops". I do, but more than anything, I support and applaud the work of the medical corps in keeping those troops healthy and giving the best possible aid when they are injured. If ever you find yourself in an emergency room with a traumatic injury, give thanks to the war surgeons past and present who of necessity developed so many of the emergency surgical techniques that are standard procedure in today's ERs. Most of those techniques, and many that are so new they have not yet made it into the civilian ER system, are illustrated here. Read this book, and give thanks.

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By K. M. Kemp
great collection of representative cases from the current wars our country is fighting. so much cutting edge trauma research and practice originates from the military so it made sense to get right to the source and see why the military does things the way it does when it comes to caring for trauma patients. each case is accompanied by a summary and commentary along with photos. while extremely graphic compared to some of the stuff i've seen in a civilian trauma center, some of the before and after photos are nothing less of amazing. as one of the other reviewers mentioned, this book also serves to document the dedication of the military medical personnel caring for our troops and of course the incredible sacrifices made by those who put themselves in harms way for our country.

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By Hodgemed
I really enjoyed this book. As a non military surgeon I was surprised by some of the sub specialty surgery being performed in the AO. I would have liked more detail in the case studies, i.e. time to arrival at med centre, observations during transport and on arrival, difficulties encountered with the presentation and considerations that went through the surgeons mind pre, peri and post op, and the procedures performed. Generally I think case studies should dive a little deeper if the attempt is to educate.

War Surgery in Afghanistan and Iraq, with a foreword by Bob Woodruff, describes the management of nearly 100 cases of acute combat trauma, conducted in the forward austere operative environment of war in the 21st century. Presented with vivid surgical photos, the cases encompass the spectrum of trauma that characterizes war today, as well as the medical interventions constantly evolving to treat these wounds. With the most recent cases report from combat hospitals within months of publication, this book presents emerging medical-surgical practice in real time. The authors discuss in detail an array of topics including: * Damage control surgery * Aggressive management of compartment syndrome * New directions in the management of head injuries * Use of tourniquets, * Decision analysis in the approach to vascular repairs and * Soft-tissue coverage of wounds. War Surgery in Afghanistan and Iraq provides all medical professionals with insight into the extraordinary technical, clinical, and ethical challenges of their deployed colleagues.