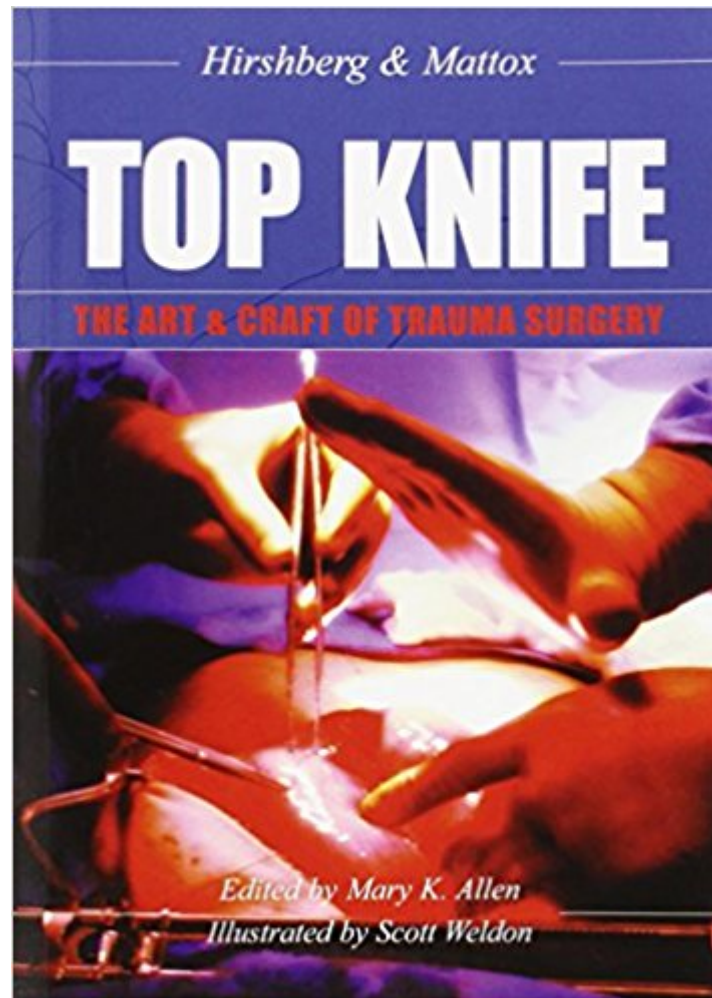




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# Top Knife: Art And Craft In Trauma Surgery



## Synopsis

This book will help you take a badly wounded patient to the operating room, organize yourself and your team, do battle with some vicious injuries, and come out with the best possible result. It is a practical guide to operative trauma surgery for residents and registrars, for general surgeons with an interest in trauma, and for isolated surgeons operating on wounded patients in military, rural, or humanitarian settings. A surgical atlas may show you what to do with your hands - but not how to think, plan, and improvise. Here you will find practical advice on how to use your head as well as your hands when operating on a massively bleeding trauma patient.

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I was recently reminded of this book during an online discussion about surgical texts. My residency program was not heavy on penetrating trauma so I purchased Top Knife a few years ago as a "How To" guide for the oral boards. I could not have been more pleased with that decision. Top Knife is succinct yet detailed, timely yet timeless and dare I say it, funny! Several times throughout the book

the authors will state something to the effect of. "The books tell you to do X; we have never been able to get X to work. If you can, please share your secret with us!" Maybe I'm easily amused but those passages made me laugh out loud as most books are filled with impractical advice that would never work outside of BMS or some other rarified theatre. We now recommend this to our residents as reading for their trauma rotation and board exams. It's that good.

the title says all you really need to know. This book presents a logical and often comical approach to the surgical trauma patient. While some parts may be outdated or controversial in our age of ebm, the core components of how to approach a crashing patient who has suffered penetrating trauma have not changed. This book was clearly written by a Trauma surgeon for surgeons. It is my favorite medical book and i wish that this style of writing was more common as it makes for a quick and memorable read.

How can you not love this book? It's trauma surgery made simple. Mind you however, it will only give you the mental framework needed to approach trauma intra-operatively. It does not provide enough surgical details to suffice as an operative manual.

Excellent book for all surgeons!

For any Surgery resident, this book is a life saver and an absolute must-have. The book explains, trauma surgery in a concise no-nonsense format. Written by two masters in Trauma Surgery, the book is what I call "distilled wisdom". It gives you what to do, what not to do, and without the pages of data that other larger textbooks include. And even though it may be hard to believe, all the answers are in the book. I found this book during my first year of Residency, and since then, have made sure all my younger residents have bought a copy and read it. Another book similar to this jewel is Schein's Common Sense Emergency Abdominal Surgery: An Unconventional Book for Trainees and Thinking Surgeons. I recommend both to every resident I can.

This book was indescribably helpful while I was a general surgery resident and an Army surgeon deployed to Afghanistan. It rivals Carol Scott-Connor's book 'Chassin's Operative Surgery' as my favorite surgery book. This book boils down complex maneuvers and trauma mind frame into a delivery that is accessible to everyone. Drs Maddox and Asher chose to share their unparalleled experience with the rest of us, and I am every grateful. Highly recommend this book for all

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