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## **Editorial Review**

### *Amazon.com Review*

Whether you've been injured or want to avoid injury, the *American Physical Therapy Association Book of Body Repair and Maintenance* can help you. Part 1 is the first place to go if you've been hurt. It presents nine common injury sites--back, neck, jaw, shoulder, elbow, wrist and hand, hip, knee, and ankle and foot--describing the anatomy and function of that area of the body, what can go wrong, and what to do if you experience pain or injury there. Part 2 explains how to avoid injury through proper posture, gait, body mechanics (how we use our bodies in daily activities), body weight, and footwear. You also get a program of beginning strength training and stretching, plus tips for avoiding injuries in sports, exercise activities, and in the workplace. Part 3 presents 200 clearly illustrated exercises for strength (beginning level) and flexibility that can be done at home. Some require dumbbells or ankle weights; most need no equipment. Many are done seated or lying down, so even if you haven't fully recovered, you can start to rehabilitate those areas that are ready. The illustrations are line drawings, large enough so that you can learn the exercises easily with the book open on the floor. This book is practical and helpful--don't wait until you get hurt to read it. --  
*Joan Price*

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An excellent fitness guide from the American Physical Therapy Association presents solid information on anatomy, physiology, injury, and exercise. Arranged by body part (back, neck, jaw, knee, hip, etc.), its first section discusses function, explains "what can go wrong," and offers simple tips for correcting and alleviating common problems, such as joint stiffness, muscle pulls, job-related strains and pains, and other common ailments. Sidebars direct readers to appropriate stretching exercises. The final section includes illustrated two- and three-step instructions for simple stretching, strength, and flexibility exercises. Chapters detailing correct posture, proper walking gait, optimum body weight, athletic shoes, and body mechanics also appear in this top-notch, well-written manual aimed at those older than 30. *Sue-Ellen Beauregard*

### From Kirkus Reviews

From the profession that sets the standards for injury prevention and rehabilitation, a well-laid-out, thorough guide to avoiding musculoskeletal injury and diagnosing and treating it when it does occur. Physical therapist Moffat (president emeritus of the APTA) and co-author Vickery's emphasis is on the casual athlete over 30 years of age: "as midlife approaches, the aging process and increasing inactivity can transform many every day activities into minefields of potential aches, pains and injuries" (and serious athletes work at a higher level intensity than is addressed here). Looking at the bones, joints, muscles, tendons, ligaments, and related structures, the authors first cover nine body areas most often affected: back, neck, jaw, shoulder, elbow, wrist/hand, hip, knee, and ankle/foot. For each, there is instruction on preventing injury, diagnosis of problems (from mild soreness through strain, sprain, and worse), what self-help measures to take, and when to go for professional help. In part two, the authors cover muscle, tendon, and ligament fitness and injury prevention in general, especially the importance of incorporating the three elements of fitness--strength, flexibility and endurance--into any exercise endeavor. Finally, part three offers a comprehensive menu of specific exercises from which readers can design a regimen that meets their needs. The language is easily understandable, and readers are put straight on many commonly misused terms (for instance, whiplash). The same ground as Feldman, then (see p. TKTK), with more extensive background information and a more serious tone. (500 line drawings) -- *Copyright ©1999, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.*

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