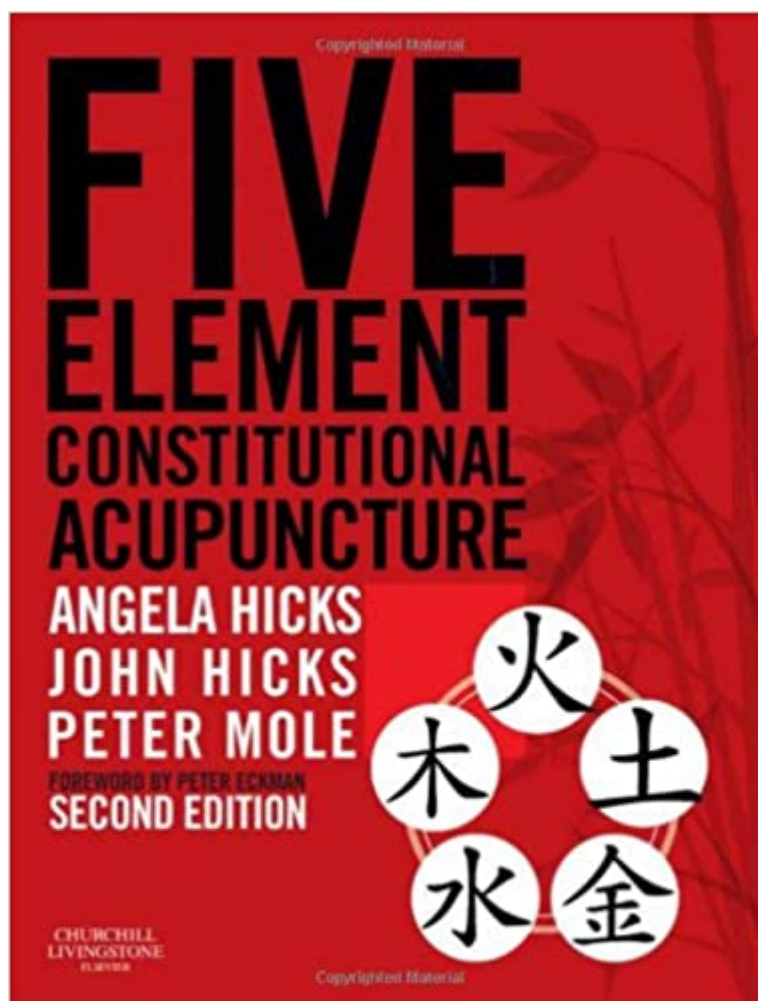


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This exciting new edition of Five Element Constitutional Acupuncture gives a clear, detailed, and accessible presentation of the main features of constitutional Five Element acupuncture. It covers the context and history of this form of acupuncture, as well as the relevant Chinese medicine theory. After examining the Elements themselves and the functions of the Organs, the book explores the basis of diagnosis in Five Element acupuncture, possible blocks to treatment and the treatment itself. It puts this style of treatment into the context of other styles of acupuncture treatment • especially Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) as it is used in the West today. Features The Five Elements referred to in the title are Wood, Fire, Earth, Metal, and Water. Gives a clear, detailed and accessible presentation of the main features of Five Element Constitutional Acupuncture treatment. Covers the context and history of this form of acupuncture, as well as the relevant Chinese medicine theory. Includes an unambiguous description of the principle aspects of diagnosis within a system, ironing out inconsistencies often present in discussions of these aspects. This edition has been thoroughly revised throughout. Quotes from the foreword to the first edition by Peter Eckman, San Francisco: "...the authors have shown how their approach can even integrate with TCM findings to treat patients more completely and rapidly. As the case histories illustrate, Five Element Constitutional Acupuncture is a style of practice that is second to none, and this innovative text is an excellent resource for learning it"

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Fantastic book

Very clear and straight forward.

definitely important for those inclined adds a lot of color to your knowledge base the glossary is a huge asset

Excellent. Thks.

Excellent book as I'm sure i will enjoy it even more after my 5 element weekend coures with UF Medical College

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The Hicks, Hicks and Mole book is nothing but a caricature of the beautiful system of medicine practiced over 50 years by Dr. Worsley. I purchased this book with alot of enthusiasm but was soon disappointed, even horrified by some of what I read. As a practitioner, it offered nothing to increase my knowledge of Classical Five Element Acupuncture, and in fact, would sorely mislead anyone wishing to study and practice this medicine. I would hope that students of acupuncture would go directly to the Master's books for information regarding Classical Five Element Acupuncture: Traditional Acupuncture, Volumes 1 and 2, and Volume 3, The Five Elements and the Officials, by J.R. Worsley. All of his books are available through , are filled with Dr. Worsley's words and the true

spirit of his work, and will enrich your practice and life. Diane McCormick, M.D.

I studied Five Element acupuncture at the Traditional Acupuncture Institute in Maryland as well as the College of Traditional Acupuncture, UK with JR Worsley. I also studied at TSITCA in Stamford, CT. Some years ago, I gave up my acupuncture practice in order to be a full-time parent to a child with a disability. Now, after many years, I am studying to re-take my acupuncture board exams so that I can resume my practice. Although only a small portion of the exam covers Five Element Acupuncture, since this was my foundation, I decided to start here, and use this book for review. This is an extremely helpful book for two groups of readers. The first group would consist of practitioners who have never studied the Worsley tradition of acupuncture. Although Worsley is mentioned briefly and with gratitude at the beginning of this book, it is not made clear enough that the method described therein is definitely "Worsley School Acupuncture." Just as in ancient China, Japan, and Korea, different masters evolved their own "schools" of medicine, so J.R Worsley took the best of the ancient teachings and applied them brilliantly, sensitively, and wisely to the needs of the modern western world. While not giving Worsley's adequate credit appropriate from a student to a master, the book is an admirable introduction to his methodology. However, the most important feature of Worsley's method was-- again, in keeping with classical tradition-- the personal transmission from teacher to student. Whether it is gaining rapport, identifying "golden keys" in a patient's story, identifying the person's color, sound, odor, or emotion, or determining in what level their imbalance resides, none of this is possible to transmit through the medium of a book. That would be an absolute fraud. It would be to use this book as the "Cliff's Notes" of acupuncture. J.R. himself wrote several excellent books, but would be the first to acknowledge that these skills simply cannot be learned from a book. They are learned by seeing many, many patients with the guidance of a master practitioner, such as himself. It would be a travesty if a practitioner from a different tradition used this book to attempt to self-teach these skills. However, such a person might be inspired by reading this book to study this tradition of medicine further at one of the few schools that teach it. If so, that would be a wonderful result from this book. The second group consists of people like me who would use this book for review or reference. For me it is a reminder of the teachings that I received, almost like "class notes" but never, ever replacing the class itself. With all of that said, and giving due honor to J.R. Worsley who was an incredibly loving and gifted teacher and practitioner, others have made the point that J. R. doesn't "own" five element acupuncture, and that his students, and their students, have the right to take his teachings and elaborate on them, expand upon them, incorporate their own wisdom and experience. That is absolutely true; Chinese medicine

has always evolved, and different practitioners and schools give different emphasis to different aspects, as well as making innovations of their own. This means that the authors do have the right to take J.R.'s teachings and incorporate their own experiences to arrive at a slightly different "version" of 5 Element acupuncture. However, it is clear to me that the vast majority of this book derived directly from J.R.'s thought and methodology. Perhaps the primary original contribution of the authors was a section on integrating 5 Element and 8 Principle acupuncture. Actually, I was almost disappointed to see that section, because it is almost a statement that 5 Element isn't "enough." But perhaps that section might make this text more accessible to practitioners from other traditions. All told, if one were to create a "textbook" of 5 element acupuncture, this book would be as close as one might come to achieving that. But, 5 element acupuncture should never, ever be taught from a textbook.

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