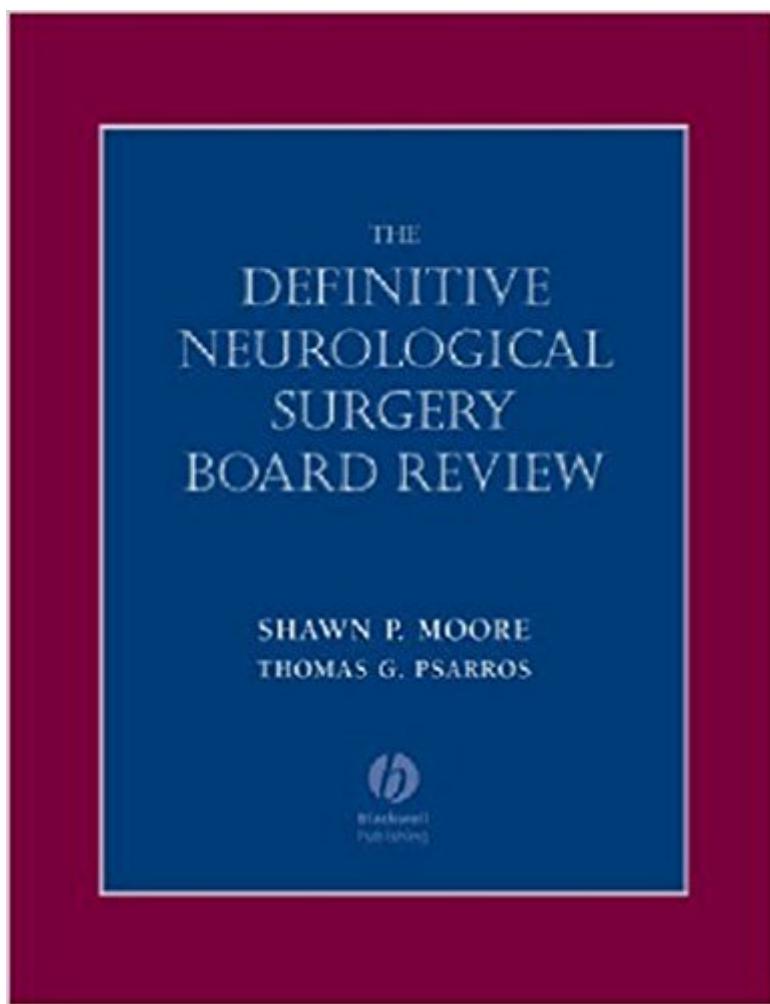


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Fairly dense, but excellent review. Passed primary exam without issues

Succint compilation of great help to lead you all through your training for the neurosurgical board.

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The neuroanatomy section of this book is better than Citow and is much easier to digest. Overall concise and hits all the important points.

Best book for FRCS preparation

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