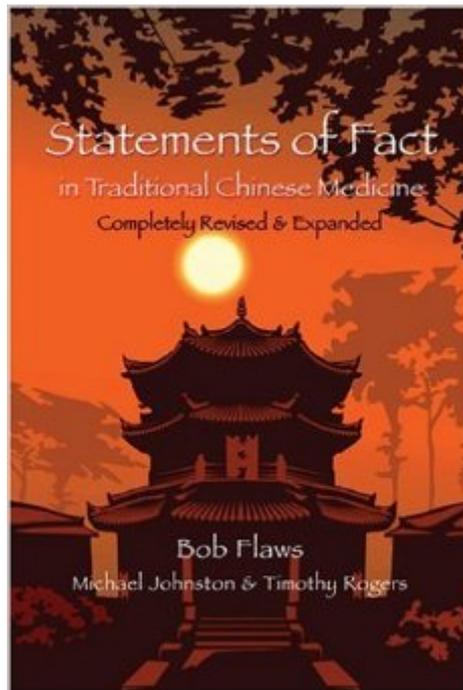


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Synopsis

This book is a completely new, revised, and expanded edition of this work. It now includes many more important and useful statements of fact, Chinese characters for every statement as well as Pinyin Romanization for every statement. This new edition also includes Bob Flaws's commentary explaining the clinical meaning of each statement. At last, what every TCM student has been looking for, a linguistically accurate, succinct list of the key statements of fact in TCM which, as a style of Chinese medicine, is largely a word game. However, to be effective at playing the game, one needs to know the words. Hopefully, this book will help Western students gain both clarity and proficiency in the process and practice of doing TCM.

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I understand what Bob Flaws was shooting for with this book. Chinese medicine is built upon short statements that have withstood the test of time, although they come from many sources throughout the long history of traditional Chinese medicine. However it is only a little booklet full of these statements. If I had my druthers, I would take each one of these "statements of fact" such as "Liver stores the blood" and add a clinical application such as "because the Liver stores the blood, it is implicated in menstrual irregularities or any condition that is coincidental with the menstrual cycle." Something like that.

Statements of fact are phrases that help students and practitioners of Chinese medicine remember principles of their art. Often written originally in verse, these statements help keep us from straying

too far from the root of our medicine and help organize our thinking about health and disease. Such statements are one reason that some Chinese practitioners are able to think their way out of wierd situations. They can constantly go back to first principles, then extrapolate in a creative way how to apply those to situations outside of usual textbook descriptions. We practitioners in the West should also endeavor to keep these principles at hand. This book is a means to do just that. This new edition is a little larger than the previous edition, and it provides the original Chinese statements along with the English translation. Really interested folks can then make stabs at looking up the meanings of the original and can not only see what the translators had to go through, but can also absorb bits of the multiplicity of meanings in what seems at first to be simple statements. I've been in practice for several years and I still like to carry this around with me to keep the central ideas fresh and cement my understanding of first principles. If you practice or study Chinese medicine, you should own this book.

A nice little book with key statements of fact culled from the primary texts. A nice book to have to jog your memory while waiting for a TCM fundamentals exam to start. very light in backpack

This neat little volume contains a wealth of information. The Chinese medicine "statements of fact" are well categorized, and Flaws' comments on understanding them are very useful! If you're a new student, it can be really helpful to review basic TCM theory quickly / on the go, and whatever your level of study/practice, this is great quick reference tool for writing case studies and papers. And if you're the kind of person who likes to read the dictionary, you can spend hours poring over these pages.

The book I ordered (pictured) was not the book I received. There are apparently 2 (or more) books with the same ISBN. One book (pictured) is 230 pages, and the other (older version) is 130 pages and NOT updated or expanded. The older book is still a good read though.

The book arrived in the condition as stated. It is a book I will be using in my acupuncture classes. I have read a portion already and look forward to reading more.

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