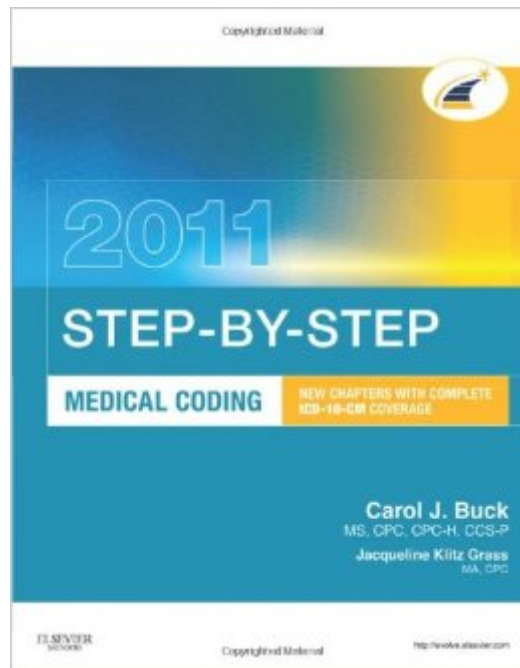The book was found

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Synopsis

Take your first step toward a successful career in medical coding with comprehensive coverage from the most trusted source in the field! Step-by-Step Medical Coding is the practical, easy-to-use resource that shows you exactly how to code using all of today's coding systems, providing an in-depth introduction to essential coding concepts followed by practice exercises that reinforce your understanding. In addition to coverage of reimbursement, ICD-9-CM, CPT, HCPCS, and inpatient coding, the 2011 edition now provides full coverage of the ICD-10-CM diagnosis coding system in preparation for the transition in 2013. No other text on the market so thoroughly prepares you for all coding systems in one source! Carol J. Buck's proven step-by-step approach guides you through difficult concepts in the most direct, straightforward manner to ensure complete understanding. Dual coding prepares you for the switch to ICD-10. In Units 3-5, for every exercise and chapter review question with an ICD-9 answer, you are provided with the matching ICD-10 code. In-text exercises throughout each chapter reinforce coding rules and concepts and follow the book's step-by-step approach. Quick Check features immediately reinforce key concepts and test your retention and understanding. Toolbox features provide additional real world cases for analysis and applying knowledge to specific case elements. Concrete "real-life" coding examples allow you to apply important coding principles and practices to actual scenarios from the field. Full-color design with over 450 illustrations ensures easy navigation and presents material in a unique, compelling way. Coding Shots provide tips for complicated coding scenarios and advice for entering the job market. From the Trenches quotes provide valuable, up-to-date insights from instructors and professionals in the medical coding field. Stop! notes offer a brief summary of material just covered to help ensure retention and understanding and provide a transition into the next topic. Caution! notes warn of common coding mistakes and reinforce the concept of coding as an exact science. Check This Out! boxes offer notes on accessing reference information, primarily via the Internet. Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting boxes in Units 2 and 5 present the official outpatient and inpatient guidelines alongside text discussions. Coder's Index makes it easy to instantly locate specific codes. Practice activities and Coding Guidelines are available on the companion Evolve Resources website to help reinforce key concepts from the text and provide fast, easy access to the most up-to-date content. A free 30-day demo of SpeedECoder lets you complete cases using an actual online encoder.Updated content reflects the latest coding developments so you can practice with the most current information available. New ICD-10-CM chapters prepare you for the upcoming 2013 transition. ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting boxes contain excerpts of the actual guidelines, presenting the official wording alongside in-text discussions to help you better

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This is a great introductory book for coding. There are some things to be aware of, however. The exercises in the book require you to have coding books on hand, because the purpose of the textbook is to get you used to searching the coding books. These are the same coding books you need for a certification exam: professional editions of 2011 ICD-9-CM volumes 1-3, 2011 HCPCS Level II, and 2011 American Medical Association's CPT codes. I found it was cheaper NOT to get the bundled textbook and code books.Also, because it has a lot of content to cover, the textbook only goes into one chapter of reimbursement. That chapter only covers Medicare insurance, not private insurance, since Medicare is the largest third-party payer in the nation. Again, this is an introductory text that primarily aims to get your feet wet in the process of coding; those who want more info on billing might need an additional book.Something I wish I'd known: When I got the online access code for additional exercises, I found out that the answers are only available if you have a teacher with online access to the answers. Since I'm doing self-study, the access code is a useless expense. The workbook at least gives you answers to every other question. If you have a teacher with online access, the other half of the workbook answers are also available.There's another benefit I found on the Evolve section of the Elsevier publisher's site: an online "internship"

that provides you with a portfolio of experience to show a prospective employer on completion. It's $99.Overall, I think this book does what it sets out to do rather well, so I give it 5 stars.

So far I like the layout of this book and I feel it is helping me. What I highly dislike is that there are no answers to the chapter review questions at the end of each chapter. I am studying on my own and these answers are vital. So, my suggestion is that if you are studying on your own to find another study guide.

From what I understand, this is THE definitive medical coding textbook. It is extremely dense, as textbooks should be, and appears to be quite comprehensive as well. I have not yet finished the book, and though Carol Buck has done an impressive job compiling this tome, I do have a few complaints related specifically to the exercises scattered throughout each chapter.First: the book leads you through a section of one of the coding manuals and then the exercises begin testing your knowledge of that section. This is perfectly fine, but I do object to the fact that this textbook's chapter exercises also include tests of sections not yet covered. For example, the exercises in chapters 2-6 require that I already be familiar with the E and V codes of the ICD-9-CM, when the textbook hasn't covered them yet. I'm having to stumble through those aspects of the exercises on my own.Second: the chapter exercises have blanks for the codes needed to answer the questions. Unfortunately, the textbook often does not have as many blanks as are needed to answer the questions. For example, the required number of codes needed for a particular condition might be 3, but there will only be 1 or 2 blanks provided. This is misleading and confusing for a novice to have to deal with.Third: I understand the need to be able to complete exercises, quizzes, and tests on my own; however, I am disappointed that the end-of-chapter tests do not have an accompanying answer guide in the back of the book, making it impossible for me to check the accuracy of my work. The chapter exercises are useful, but the end-of-chapter tests would be a better assessment of my learning if I could confirm my accuracy. It would be extremely beneficial if this textbook perhaps had a website where I could check my work.Let me qualify my review by stating that I am trying to learn medical coding with this textbook in an online class. Perhaps I wouldn't have these issues with this book if I were in a classroom-course with an instructor who could guide me and fill in the blanks. While these issues are frustrating, I do feel like I am learning, which is why I have given this textbook 3 out of 5 stars.

I don't think there's any AHIMA approved coding program that will use this book. It's NOT worth the

money at all.In addition to many errors that you can find in this book, it's RIDICULOUS that they do not give you the answers to Chapter Review questions. Seriously, how are we supposed to verify if we truly understand the materials if we cannot check our answers?What a stupid book.Also, don't bother buying the new version that comes with the Access Code. It's useless. If you think that you'll be able to find Chapter Review questions' answers on the course webapge, you're wrong. I'm enrolled in the medical coding class right now, and Eolve's support tech told me that they do not offer the answer key to the students at all.Professor Barbara Long at Coastline Community College should be ashamed of assigning this book for the college's coding program (which, by the way, is not approved by AHIMA). She does not really have any medical coding credential, either. I don't understand why she will assign this book.She's not collecting the review questions' answers for points. And yet, she will not provide the students the answer key to chapter review questions.I'm going to try taking medical coding classes at Santa Barbara City College. Their professors have ACTUAL medical coding credentials.I'm just so MAD that I wasted my money on this stupid book (and the access code). There're so many errors in it. It's ridiculous. The editors did a horrible job proofreading it.For those of you who are seeking medical coding credential, don't make the same mistake that I did. Do not take medical coding classes at Coastline Community College.AHIMA has a directory of approved medical coding programs. The link is here: [...]

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