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CRANIOSACRAL BIODYNAMICS: THE PRIMAL MIDLINE AND THE ORGANIZATION OF THE BODY

North Atlantic Books In this book, Franklyn Sills extends the concepts and skills covered in his first volume to the specific structural membrane and tissue dynamics of the human form, demonstrating the connection between craniosacral therapy and osteopathic healing. Volume Two shows students and practitioners how to relate to the major tissue structures within a wide perceptual field and a craniosacral biodynamic orientation. A thorough survey of the major body areas, including motility, structure, and anatomical relationships, offers practical applications throughout the book.

FOUNDATIONS IN CRANIOSACRAL BIODYNAMICS, VOLUME TWO

THE SENTIENT EMBRYO, TISSUE INTELLIGENCE, AND TRAUMA RESOLUTION

North Atlantic Books Foundations in Craniosacral Biodynamics presents a comprehensive grounding in the clinical skills needed in a biodynamic approach to craniosacral therapy. Author Franklyn Sills places particular emphasis on developing what he terms "perceptual skills," diagnostic skills that enable the practitioner to perceive the subtle sensations and intuitive insights that are the groundwork of most forms of holistic somatic therapy. The biodynamic approach has its origins in the clinical exploration of W. G. Sutherland, DO, (1873-1954), the founder of osteopathy in the cranial field

and "forefather of craniosacral therapy." In the last ten years of his life, his work changed from a biomechanical approach to a fully holistic orientation toward the ordering and enlivening forces present in the human system. Sutherland described his experiences of a mysterious presence, the "Breath of Life," from which ordering forces and healing intentions arose. His work then shifted from biomechanics to biodynamics; from analysis and motion-testing to an appreciation of the unfolding of the "inherent treatment plan." Sutherland encouraged practitioners to use no outside force whatsoever, but to allow the inherent ordering forces, which he called "potency," to make the decisions and do the work. Franklyn Sills pioneered the biodynamic approach to craniosacral therapy outside the osteopathic profession. This approach has now spread around the world in various forms. Sills wrote the early books in this field, and this new book now brings the text up to date. *Foundations in Craniosacral Therapy, Volume Two* expands on the work described in the previous volume, starting with an overview of a biodynamic approach to craniosacral therapy, which emphasizes the suspensory nature of the human system. Here we review and deepen our understanding of the "three bodies"—the physical, fluid, and tidal bodies. We also review and expand upon the suspensory nature of the holistic shift—the physical body suspended in the fluid body, in turn suspended in the tidal body—within the context of the inherent treatment plan. The following chapters of the book orient to our earliest life experiences—the embryonic period and the pre- and perinatal experience—with chapters devoted to birth, birth dynamics, and craniosacral approaches oriented both to birth trauma and to the tissue patterns it generates. Here we orient to the pre-nate and birthing infant as a sentient being having and responding to life experience. Further chapters orient to the primal/notochord midline and the tissue structures that form around it. We explore the dynamics of the pelvis, vertebral axis, cranial base, face and hard palate. *Volume Two* finishes with four important chapters on the neurophysiology of stress and trauma and related craniosacral and verbal skills. All chapters include appropriate biodynamic approaches to traumatization and CNS activation.

BIODYNAMIC CRANIOSACRAL THERAPY

North Atlantic Books "A thorough description of the evolution of cranial osteopathic medicine into a new form available to many health care providers, this book presents a technique of touch therapy that is extremely gentle and subtle and gives practical exercises to be proficient in healing physical, spiritual, and emotional conditions"--

FOUNDATIONS IN CRANIOSACRAL BIODYNAMICS, VOLUME ONE

THE BREATH OF LIFE AND FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS

North Atlantic Books **Biodynamic Craniosacral Therapy (BCST)** is commonly

seen as the spiritual approach to craniosacral therapy (CST); in fact, BCST as taught by Franklyn Sills, the pioneer in the field, is quite different from conventional CST. Biodynamic work is based on the development of perceptual skills where the practitioner learns to become sensitive to subtle respiratory motions called primary respiration and also to the power of spontaneous healing. Through the Breath of Life, which, Sills asserts, echoes the Holy Spirit in the Judeo-Christian tradition, bodhicitta in Buddhism, and the Tai Chi in Taoism, students of BCST learn to enter a state of presence oriented to the client's inherent ability to heal. In *Foundations in Craniosacral Biodynamics*, Sills offers students and practitioners an in-depth, step-by-step guide to the development of perceptual and clinical skills with specific clinical exercises and explorations to help students and practitioners learn the essentials of a biodynamic approach. Individual chapters cover such topics as holism and biodynamics; mid-tide, Long Tide, Dynamic Stillness and stillpoint process; the motility of tissues and the central nervous system; transference and the shadow; shamanistic resonances; and more. From the Trade Paperback edition.

WISDOM IN THE BODY

THE CRANIOSACRAL APPROACH TO ESSENTIAL HEALTH

North Atlantic Books A teacher of craniosacral therapy reveals how the accumulation of life stresses, including physical injury, emotional and psychological trauma, and toxicity, can become part of the body and therefore affect psychological health.

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CRANIAL INTELLIGENCE

A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO BIODYNAMIC CRANIOSACRAL THERAPY

Singing Dragon At the deepest level of our physiology, all living tissues and fluids expand and contract with the 'breath of life'. Through gentle touch, the skilled practitioner can interact with these subtle rhythms to address physical aches and pains, acute or chronic disease, emotional or psychological disturbances, or simply to promote enduring health and vitality. This new and important textbook demystifies the biodynamic approach to craniosacral therapy and shows how and why it can be so effective at bringing about a natural realignment towards optimal health. The authors describe how to 'listen' and respond appropriately to each client's system, how to create a safe space for working with different kinds of trauma, and how to address specific states of imbalance to support deep-felt and lasting change. Throughout the book, experiential exercises encourage the reader to practice their newly-acquired skills, and refine their knowledge of human anatomy and physiology. A final chapter on practice development covers issues pertinent to practitioners trying to set

up and maintain a successful practice. This intensely practical textbook will transform the practice of craniosacral therapists, and contains much that bodyworkers of all kinds will find useful.

CRANIOSACRAL THERAPY AND THE ENERGETIC BODY

AN OVERVIEW OF CRANIOSACRAL BIODYNAMICS

North Atlantic Books This useful book discusses craniosacral therapy's history and present situation as well as its spiritual implications and practical contributions in the world of healthcare. Gilchrist demonstrates how the subtle patterns of this practice become a dynamic force in the body, and how this influences overall functioning. What most sets the book apart is Gilchrist's discussion of the relationship of the craniosacral system and biodynamic functions to the human energy system. Though dealing with a complicated topic, the book provides a grounded, progressive approach that is both specific and insightful.

THE BREATH OF LIFE

AN INTRODUCTION TO CRANIOSACRAL BIODYNAMICS

North Atlantic Books A unique approach to Biodynamic Craniosacral Therapy, a whole-body healing therapy focused on working with the forces underlying health and healing Cherionna Menzam-Sills draws on her extensive background in pre- and perinatal psychology, embryology, bodywork, Continuum Movement, and other somatic therapies—as well as years of working with her husband, Biodynamics pioneer Franklyn Sills—to present this accessible introduction to the meditative healing practice of Biodynamic Craniosacral Therapy (BCST). This book offers a personal journey of embodied inquiry into each element of biodynamic session work, using meditative explorations, personal descriptions, and illustrations to convey the essence of Biodynamics. It emphasizes breathing and body awareness exercises that help the practitioner become more attuned to her own body so that she can create an effective relational field with her client. An essential guide for new practitioners, students, and clients—as well as a valuable reference for experienced practitioners—this book illuminates the path toward the intelligent formative forces of the mysterious presence called "the breath of life" and its transformative power for health and wholeness.

BEING AND BECOMING

PSYCHODYNAMICS, BUDDHISM, AND THE ORIGINS OF SELFHOOD

North Atlantic Books Being and Becoming is a wide-ranging analysis of the nature of being and selfhood. The book presents an original, integrated paradigm with the aim of creating a comprehensive overview of the human condition—and finding ways to alleviate suffering. In essence, the book

explores the question, “What does it mean to be?” **Being and Becoming** begins with fresh interpretations of the work of Martin Heidegger and Buddhist, Taoist, and Christian writings as they relate to this question. Most of **Being and Becoming**, however, is about the nature of self and selfhood as a process of “I-am-this,” “my becoming” rather than “my being.” Author Franklyn Sills interweaves concepts from object relations theories, psychodynamics, pre- and perinatal psychology, and Buddhist self-psychology, along with his own rich experience as a Buddhist monk, somatic therapist, and psychotherapist, into his inquiry. The works of Fairbairn and Winnicott are discussed in depth, as are Winnicott and Stern’s insights into the nature of the early holding environment, the infant-mother relational field, and early perceptual dynamics. A thoughtful guide for psychologists, therapists, counselors, and other health professionals, the book is also ideal for Buddhists and anyone looking for alternative therapy models.

STILLNESS

BIODYNAMIC CRANIAL PRACTICE AND THE EVOLUTION OF CONSCIOUSNESS

North Atlantic Books Charles Ridley is known for having refined a version of biodynamic craniosacral work that is nonmedical and nonmechanical. In **Stillness**, he clarifies the three fundamental types of this work — biomechanical, functional, and biodynamic. He explains the requirements and pitfalls of each model, and how to discern the differences and similarities between them. He guides the practitioner experientially to explore what he is describing, and offers exercises drawn from his own practice to help therapists access directly the whole felt-body sense that connects each individual with the Breath of Life.

THE HEART OF LISTENING, VOLUME 2

A VISIONARY APPROACH TO CRANIOSACRAL WORK

North Atlantic Books Originally published as a single volume, **The Heart of Listening** has been re-issued as two separate volumes because of public demand for a more concise, portable edition. Milne, a third generation Scottish osteopath, begins by explaining the visionary approach to healing, and how it may be applied to the realm of craniosacral work. In the second volume, Milne details the anatomy, physiology, energetics, and techniques that are the essential core of visionary craniosacral work. His particular genius lies in his ability to weave a delicate tapestry of narrative, poetry, and scientific fact into a fascinating and insightful exposition of the visionary healing arts.

BIODYNAMIC CRANIOSACRAL THERAPY, VOLUME TWO

North Atlantic Books The first volume of Biodynamic Craniosacral Therapy presented the basics of craniosacral therapy as a gentle, compassionate healing art that can be used by psychologists, midwives, chiropractors, and massage and physical therapists. In this second volume, author Michael Shea goes deeper into the entire biodynamic paradigm, analyzing the relationship of trauma resolution, psychodynamics, and shamanism, and providing practical meditations, visualizations, and clinical skills to restore physical, spiritual, and emotional health. The book opens by exploring the meaning of biodynamic, followed by a discussion of human embryology as a path to healing in any form of therapy. This section offers a set of pioneering techniques based on perceiving stillness—slow movement—as a fundamental healing influence. The next section describes the bridge between trauma resolution therapy and biodynamic work, establishes a new containment model, and offers skills for resolving shock and trauma. A special section contains fresh strategies for anyone working with infants and children, along with a provocative analysis linking the infant-mother relationship to the patient-therapist relationship. Finally, Shea provides a unique perspective on depth psychology, mythology, and healing. This includes the defining difference between biodynamic craniosacral therapy and all other forms of craniosacral therapy: the focus on the nature of spiritual disease and shamanism.

SOMATOEMOTIONAL RELEASE

DECIPHERING THE LANGUAGE OF LIFE

North Atlantic Books Developed by the author, SomatoEmotional Release is a technique for bringing psychotherapeutic elements into CranioSacral therapy. It helps rid the mind and body of the residual effects of trauma by anatomically freeing the central channel of the body. John E. Upledger presents the history, theory, and practice of this subtle form of healing. A result of meaningful, intentioned touch, SomatoEmotional Release allows for identification and removal of energy cysts along with their associated emotions.

BODY INTELLIGENCE

CREATING A NEW ENVIRONMENT SECOND EDITION

Singing Dragon Body Intelligence offers a new understanding of how the body works and leads the reader to a greater sense of wellbeing and an enriched sense of self. The anatomy of the body is explored without the complexity of medical terminology. Instead, common descriptions are used along with a multitude of images, allowing the reader to visualize and work with different levels of the body. Experiential exercises, guided meditations and movements are provided throughout the book, helping the

reader to develop improved levels of health and body intelligence that are natural and accessible all the time. As body intelligence increases through these exercises, physical changes occur and a new posture emerges, followed by positive mental and emotional shifts. The reader will begin to feel differently, move differently and think differently. This book will benefit everyone. People experiencing depression, fatigue, emotional issues, stress and anxiety and in fact any condition associated with living in a human body have the potential to be relieved of their symptoms with practice using this book as guidance.

THE POLARITY PROCESS

ENERGY AS A HEALING ART

North Atlantic Books In this thorough, award-winning explanation of the theory and practice of polarity, cranial osteopath Franklyn Sills guides the reader through Dr. Randolph Stone's mapping of humans' subtle energies. Popular in Europe, polarity incorporates holistic health, diet, exercise, massage, and spiritual practice. This is an approachable introduction to a form of bodywork that therapists and lay individuals interested in alternative health practices will find useful.

CRANIO-SACRAL INTEGRATION

FOUNDATION

Singing Dragon This foundation volume presents a unique integration of the wide spectrum of approaches to Cranio-Sacral Therapy, providing practitioners and students with a broad and authoritative understanding of the discipline. The author covers the fundamentals of theory as well as the practical skills and techniques needed to carry out Cranio-Sacral work, and the book also includes detailed instructions for treatments, all of which are clearly explained in extensive case histories, photographs and illustrations. Based upon the syllabus of the College of Cranio-Sacral Therapy in London, UK, this is an unparalleled resource for practitioners of Cranio-Sacral Therapy and Cranial Osteopathy, and an essential reference for students.

THE ONTOGENETIC BASIS OF HUMAN ANATOMY

A BIODYNAMIC APPROACH TO DEVELOPMENT FROM CONCEPTION TO BIRTH

North Atlantic Books This book presents an anatomical overview of the changing form and structure of the human body. Although biomechanical embryology can be traced back to the 19th century, up until recently the most commonly accepted framework for the study of human ontogeny (development of the individual) was molecular biology, which all too frequently relied on findings from animal experiments that remained untested for humans. German embryologist and anatomist Erich

Blechschildt's research concentrates on the evidence presented by the human embryo itself. He offers a new approach to the study of early human growth as a way to shed light on the development of body build, instincts, gestures, language, mathematics, tools, and dress.

BIODYNAMIC CRANIOSACRAL THERAPY, VOLUME THREE

North Atlantic Books Dr. Michael J. Shea's series on Biodynamic Craniosacral Therapy is based on healthcare providers physically sensing love and accessing a deep sense of warmth and stillness in the heart. He begins this third volume by emphasizing the therapeutic application of touch therapy skills. As in the previous two books, he teaches these skills by explaining the importance of practitioners being able to perceive Primary Respiration, a slow rhythmic tidal movement in the fluids of the body. He goes on to discuss the distinctive influence of human embryology on any therapeutic modality. A number of other experts in the field contribute chapters that illuminate the spiritual and psychological dimensions of human embryonic development, especially the heart. Dr. Shea offers valuable new skills for anyone, from midwives to pediatricians, working therapeutically with infants. In addition, he summarizes current thinking on infant brain development, discusses the long-term consequences of attachment issues between the mother and infant, and explores the importance of understanding the similarities of the mother-infant and the therapist-patient relationships.

CRANIOSACRAL THERAPY FOR CHILDREN

TREATMENTS FOR EXPECTING MOTHERS, BABIES, AND CHILDREN

North Atlantic Books Craniosacral Therapy for Children introduces a craniosacral therapy treatment protocol for babies and children up to 12 years of age. A gentle hands-on healing approach, craniosacral therapy releases tensions in the body in order to relieve pain, resolve trauma, and improve physical and emotional health. Author and craniosacral therapist Daniel Agustoni discusses the reasons for treating young children and for beginning treatment during pregnancy. He explains how the stress of birth can cause asymmetries and misalignments in babies' bodies that can lead to problems later in life: from suckling problems, abdominal colic, and fragmented sleep patterns to anxiety, hyperactivity, and ADD. Agustoni demonstrates how craniosacral therapy can also offset the effects of stress, trauma, and PTSD that may affect the growing child depending on his or her environment, biology, and temperament. Enhanced with over 120 instructional photos and illustrations, the book's hands-on techniques are presented along with suggestions for interacting with parents, babies, and young children. The book discusses methods of evaluation and treatment following structural, functional, and biodynamic models. Engaging case examples describe the therapeutic results of the treatment, which include

increased security and confidence, relaxation, support for the immune system, and a sense of well-being. An important resource for healthcare practitioners, this book is also useful for educators, parents, and caregivers interested in learning new ways to help their children. From the Trade Paperback edition.

WORKING WONDERS

CHANGING LIVES WITH CRANIOSACRAL THERAPY

North Atlantic Books In this extensive collection, 145 practitioners from around the world tell how CranioSacral Therapy, a method of using gentle pressure to evaluate and improve the functioning of the central nervous system, has made a difference in their clients' lives. Beginning with a foreword by the treatment's developer, the book is divided into three main sections with stories about children, adults, and animals. Detailed, first-person accounts of actual CranioSacral interventions illustrate the therapy's efficacy and wide range of applications and the degree to which it complements traditional as well as nontraditional treatments. The book holds appeal not only for CranioSacral practitioners, including osteopaths, chiropractors, naturopaths, physical therapists, acupuncturists, and other body workers, but also for anyone interested in alternative ways to reduce pain and enhance the body's functioning.

RHYTHM & TOUCH

AN INTRODUCTION TO CRANIOSACRAL THERAPY

Brotherhood of Life Books

PRANOTHERAPY - THE ORIGINS OF POLARITY THERAPY AND EUROPEAN NEUROMUSCULAR TECHNIQUE

MWI Publishing In this volume, which includes a faithful reproduction of Dewanchand Varma's original book on Pranothrapy, the reader can trace one of the early developmental branches of modern manual therapy and learn something of the eccentric life of one its early pioneers in the West. Phil Young has drawn the threads of this development together with the inclusion of the previously unpublished notebooks of another such pioneer, Dr Randolph Stone, a contemporary of Varma who, like Stanley Lief the founder of modern European Neuromuscular Technique, was influenced by Varma's work. Stone was the founder of his own system of manual therapy, which he called Polarity Therapy, and although it is similar to Varma's work, it has maintained to this day more of the original vitalistic, energy approach.

HARMONIZING YOUR CRANIOSACRAL SYSTEM

SELF-TREATMENTS FOR IMPROVING YOUR HEALTH

North Atlantic Books **Harmonizing Your Craniosacral System: Self-Treatments for Improving Your Health** offers exercises developed to promote healing, body awareness, and relaxation. The book's techniques are based on the principles of craniosacral therapy, a hands-on approach that works gently with the spine, skull, sacrum, and connective tissue in the body to release pain and tension. Simple to perform, the exercises can be done either sitting or lying down, and each can be completed separately or as a unit. The book is unique because it is the only one that features self-treatment for craniosacral therapy. The book begins with a description of the craniosacral system and its relationship to other body systems. Awareness and perception exercises cover breathing techniques and methods for sensing the parts of the body and its craniosacral rhythm. The quality of touch and exact finger and hand positions are discussed, and detailed instructions are provided for each self-treatment involving the sacrum, iliosacral joints, connective tissue, head, and facial bones. Illustrated with 105 full-color photographs and 9 black-and-white anatomical drawings, the book concludes with helpful information about professional craniosacral therapy treatments, terms and definitions, and an alphabetized summary of self-treatments.

ADDRESSING ADVERSITY

PRIORITISING ADVERSITY AND TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN ENGLAND.

YoungMinds / Health Education England / Human-Experience / **An edited collection of papers published by YoungMinds and funded by Health Education England. With 1 in 3 adult mental health conditions related directly to adverse childhood experiences, it is vital that we understand the impact that adversity and trauma can have on the mental health and wellbeing of young people, and how we can strengthen resilience and support recovery. Addressing Adversity presents evidence, insight, direction and case studies for commissioners, providers and practitioners in order to stimulate further growth in adversity and trauma-informed care, and spark innovation and good practice across England. Section 1: Understanding adversity, trauma and resilience includes evidence and analysis of the impact that adverse childhood experiences and trauma have on children and young people's mental health and wider outcomes across the lifecourse. Section 2: Addressing childhood adversity and trauma includes insights from the NHS in England, organisations and clinicians working with children and young people who have experienced forms of adversity and trauma. Section 3: Emerging good practice includes insight, case studies and working examples of adversity and trauma-informed service models being developed across England. The collection ends with an agenda for change, calling on all Directors of Public Health, commissioners and providers to**

make adversity and trauma-informed care a priority in their locality.

HANDBOOK ON CRANIOFACIAL SUPERIMPOSITION

THE MEPROCS PROJECT

Springer This open access handbook presents a trustable craniofacial superimposition methodological framework. It includes detailed technical and practical overviews, and discussions about the latest tools and open problems, covering the educational, technical, ethical, and security aspects of this forensic identification technique. The book will be of particular interest to researchers and practitioners in forensic anthropology and forensic ID, and also researchers in computational intelligence. It is the final result of a European project, *New Methodologies and Protocols of Forensic Identification by Craniofacial Superimposition (MEPROCS)*. The project collaborators who contributed to this handbook are: S. Damas, O. Ibáñez, M.I. Huete, T. Kahana, C. Wilkinson, E. Ferguson, C. Erolin, C. Cattaneo, P.T. Jayaprakash, R. Jankauskas, F. Cavalli, K. Imaizumi, R. Vicente, D. Navega, E. Cunha, A.H. Ross, E. Veselovskaya, A. Abramov, P. Lestón, F. Molinero, E. Ruiz, F. Navarro, J. Cardoso, F. Viegas, D. Humpire, R. Hardiman, J. Clement, A. Valsecchi, B.R. Campomanes-Alvarez, C. Campomanes-Alvarez, A.S. Çağdır, T. Briers, M. Steyn, M. Viniero, D.N. Vieira, and O. Cordon.

LIFE IN MOTION

THE OSTEOPATHIC VISION OF ROLLIN E. BECKER, D.O.

EVERY BODY TELLS A STORY

A CRANIOSACRAL JOURNEY

Singing Dragon Liz Kalinowska and Daška Hatton invite you into the therapy room to experience a therapeutic encounter through the lens of Craniosacral Therapy, discussing ways that therapists and clients can work together to optimise the success of treatment. Describing a unique journey through ten bodywork sessions from the standpoints of a fictional client 'Anna', and her therapist, 'Sarah', the authors take you behind the scenes to witness the client's voyage of discovery, and how the encounter appears to her therapist during the course of treatment. The book shows how the perspectives of both participants develop and widen through their shared experiences and examines the ups and downs of the therapeutic relationship. Boundary, transference and trust issues are explored as Liz and Daška share their own experiences of more than 40 years in practice and examples from myth and legend help to place the work in a wider context.

SPIRIT INTO FORM

EXPLORING EMBRYOLOGICAL POTENTIAL AND PRENATAL PSYCHOLOGY

Forewords by Jaap van der Wal and Marcy Axness Spirit into Form invites you to explore with mindful, embodied awareness your earliest experiences in this life with curiosity, compassion and creativity. It guides you through developmental milestones, starting with pre-conception, through conception, coming into physical form as an embryo, negotiating the birth canal and hopefully being welcomed at birth. Each stage offers details of embryological development in simple, accessible terms with hand-drawn illustrations, elaborating potential challenges and lifelong effects of having met them. More than a traditional book on embryology, Spirit into Form includes psychological and spiritual aspects and the original embryological potential of this early time. This book is for anyone who wonders about the origins of human life and bodies, as well as personality, relationship and behavioral tendencies. Therapists and practitioners of many types, particularly those with somatic/body-centered or psychological approaches, bodyworkers, movement practitioners, birth practitioners, and also new parents and parents-to-be, can benefit from the gentle, mindful guidance in exploring your earliest beginnings, roots of many issues and strengths, and how to access potential that may have become occluded by challenges and conditions life presents. Cherionna Menzam-Sills's book, Spirit into Form, is based on her long experience as a craniosacral therapist and somatic prenatal and birth therapist. Cherionna takes you on a tour of important developmental stages during gestation. But in addition to that she has much to say about the larger fields of Love, Spirit, and Soul and how they are connected to the body. The scope of the material is wide, broad and encompassing. Cherionna's message is that when we come to understand our early experiences and how they establish in us lifelong patterns, habits, addictions and tendencies, we can begin to integrate, let go, and make new choices. Her book is a subtle distillation of wisdom, stylistic grace, and excellent advice for pregnant or soon-to-be pregnant persons. Highly recommended. -- Thomas R. Verny MD, DHL (Hon), DPsych, FRCPC, FAPA Associate Editor, Journal of Pre and Peri-natal Psychology and Health (JOPPAH), Past President APPPAH, Author of The Secret Life of the Unborn Child with John Kelly and Pre-Parenting with Pamela Weintraub. This is an absolutely necessary contemporary creation story that is integrative rather than reductionistic. Cherionna writes a narrative that helps us to enter the mystery of conception, birth and death. It is a narrative that points to a solution found in front of us and in us - our body. Marie-Louise Von Franz, a preeminent Jungian analyst says in her book Creation Myths, that any creation story that unfolds in stages is the "best" creation story. Cherionna unfolds our collective story, which is my story, chapter by chapter with her expert guidance. It is an unfoldment of our

embryo as humanity and as embodiment. This is a book that inspires self-compassion, love and altruism as the necessary remedy for healing as a body and a body politic in the context of our planet now. She shows us the steps to recover and make meaning of our embryo - our lived perpetual embryo. Contained herein is the most genuine and authentic nature of her embodied experience. Simultaneously, it is a fountain of authoritative knowledge referencing relevant science superseding all such attempts that have come before yet holding perfectly all its predecessor's. This beautiful and spellbinding book must be required reading to become a full human being inherently complete from a single celled conceptus through the moment of death. -- Michael J. Shea, PhD Founder of SheaHeart.com, A Center for the Study of the Human Heart and Author of Biodynamic Craniosacral Therapy, Volumes 1-5.

CRANIOSACRAL THERAPY: WHAT IT IS, HOW IT WORKS

North Atlantic Books With the troubling side effects and surging costs of medications and surgery, Americans are increasingly turning to CranioSacral Therapy as an effective, drug-free, and non-invasive therapy. A gentle, hands-on method of evaluating and enhancing the function of the craniosacral system — the membranes and cerebrospinal fluid that surround and protect the brain and spinal cord — CST boosts the body's natural healing processes and has proven efficacious for a wide range of medical problems from migraines, learning disabilities, and post-traumatic stress disorder to fibromyalgia, chronic neck and back pain, and TMJ. This book provides a broad introduction to this therapy by way of short pieces written by a number of well-known practitioners or experts. In addition to pioneer John E. Upledger, contributors include Richard Grossinger (Planet Medicine), Don Ash (Lessons from the Sessions), Don Cohen (An Introduction to Craniosacral Therapy), and Bill Gottlieb (Alternative Cures). Each selection covers a different aspect of CST: what it is, what it does, how it heals, what the practitioner does during a CST session, CST's relationship to cranial osteopathy and other healing therapies, as well as other topics of interest to the beginner.

CRANIOSACRAL BIODYNAMICS, VOLUME ONE

THE BREATH OF LIFE, BIODYNAMICS, AND FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS

North Atlantic Books Craniosacral therapy is based on the belief that functions of the human system are maintained and integrated by a biodynamic force known as 'primary respiration,' or the breath of life. Found in the brain, spinal cord, and bodily fluids, this rhythmic pulse promotes healing and health. Written for students and practitioners but accessible to lay readers, this text presents the fundamental concepts and techniques of a method that redirects the cerebrospinal fluid to areas of imbalance, thus enhancing overall health. Volume One covers both the

history and conceptual ideas fundamental to Craniosacral Biodynamics, as well as the more complex structural and tissue relationships.

TEACHINGS IN THE SCIENCE OF OSTEOPATHY

ENERGY MEDICINE

THE SCIENTIFIC BASIS

Elsevier Health Sciences Using evidence-based research, the author documents the presence of energy fields, discerns how these fields are generated, and determines how they are altered by disease, disorder, or injury. Therapeutic applications can restore natural energy flows with the body, and may be used in healing diseases that are not well addressed by conventional medicine. New chapters cover basic biophysics, history of developments in electrophysiology, medical devices and inflammation, regulatory energetics, the subconscious and intuition, and energy medicine in daily life.

WOMB TWIN SURVIVORS

This comprehensive study of womb twin survivors--the sole survivors of a twin or multiple conception--serves as an illustrated guide to the biology of twinning and multiple conceptions, while also describing the feelings of grief and loss felt by the sole survivor after the death of a twin during pregnancy or around birth.

STILLNESS TOUCH

UNION OF BODY & LOVE

Dynamic Stillness Press This experiential sequel to *Stillness* combines ancient spiritual practices with Dr. William G. Sutherland, DO's inspired *Stillness Touch* to reunite the body with love. Through in-depth meditations, touch practices, and detailed study guides, Charles Ridley guides the reader through an uncharted journey in the evolution of consciousness.

ACCESSING THE HEALING POWER OF THE VAGUS NERVE

SELF-HELP EXERCISES FOR ANXIETY, DEPRESSION, TRAUMA, AND AUTISM

North Atlantic Books This practical guide to understanding the cranial nerves as the key to our psychological and physical well-being builds on Stephen Porges's Polyvagal Theory—one of the most important recent developments in human neurobiology. Drawing on more than thirty years of experience as a craniosacral therapist and Rolfer, Stanley Rosenberg explores the crucial role that the vagus nerve plays in determining our psychological and emotional states and explains that a myriad of common psychological and physical symptoms—from anxiety and depression to

migraines and back pain—indicates a lack of proper functioning in the vagus nerve. Through a series of easy self-help exercises, the book illustrates the simple ways we can regulate the vagus nerve in order to initiate deep relaxation, improve sleep, and recover from injury and trauma. Additionally, by exploring the link between a well-regulated vagus nerve and social functioning, Rosenberg's findings and methods offer new hope that by improving social behavior it is possible to alleviate some of the symptoms at the core of many cases of autism spectrum disorders. Useful for psychotherapists, doctors, bodyworkers, and caregivers, as well as anyone who experiences the symptoms of chronic stress and depression, this book shows how we can optimize autonomic functioning in ourselves and others, and bring the body into the state of safety that activates its innate capacity to heal.

OSTEOPATHY IN THE CRANIAL FIELD

PAIN IS REALLY STRANGE

Singing Dragon Answering questions such as 'how can I change my pain experience?', 'what is pain?', and 'how do nerves work?', this short research-based graphic book reveals just how strange pain is and explains how understanding it is often the key to relieving its effects. Studies show that understanding how pain is created and maintained by the nervous system can significantly lessen the pain you experience. The narrator in this original, gently humorous book explains pain in an easy-to-understand, engaging graphic format and reveals how to change the mind's habits to transform pain.

ANXIETY IS REALLY STRANGE

Singing Dragon What is the difference between fear and excitement and how can you tell them apart? How do the mind and body make emotions? When can anxiety be good? This science-based graphic book addresses these questions and more, revealing just how strange anxiety is, but also how to unravel its mysteries and relieve its effects. Understanding how anxiety is created by our nervous system trying to protect us, and how our fight-or-flight mechanisms can get stuck, can significantly lessen the fear experienced during anxiety attacks. In this guide, anxiety is explained in an easy-to-understand, engaging graphic format with tips and strategies to relieve its symptoms, and change the mind's habits for a more positive outlook.

THE STILLNESS OF LIFE

THE OSTEOPATHIC PHILOSOPHY OF ROLLIN E. BECKER, D. O.
