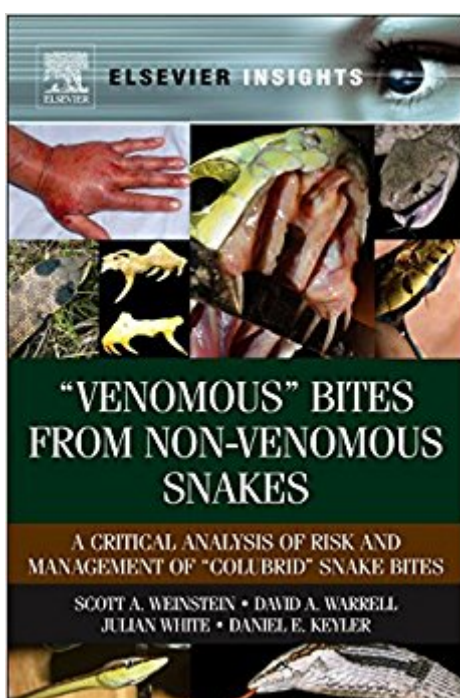


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A well written and informative book for technical readers. Data rich!

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Objective, carefully balanced, and packed with interdisciplinary information, Dr Weinstein and colleagues deliver a stand alone volume on so-called "rare-fanged" snake bites. I was particularly impressed that the authors declined speculation about species for which there is no clinical data, and carefully analysed those for which data was either well-documented, or that had been personally observed/managed. A thorough evidence-based analysis and the authoritative work on this fascinating and less understood area of toxinology and herpetology.

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