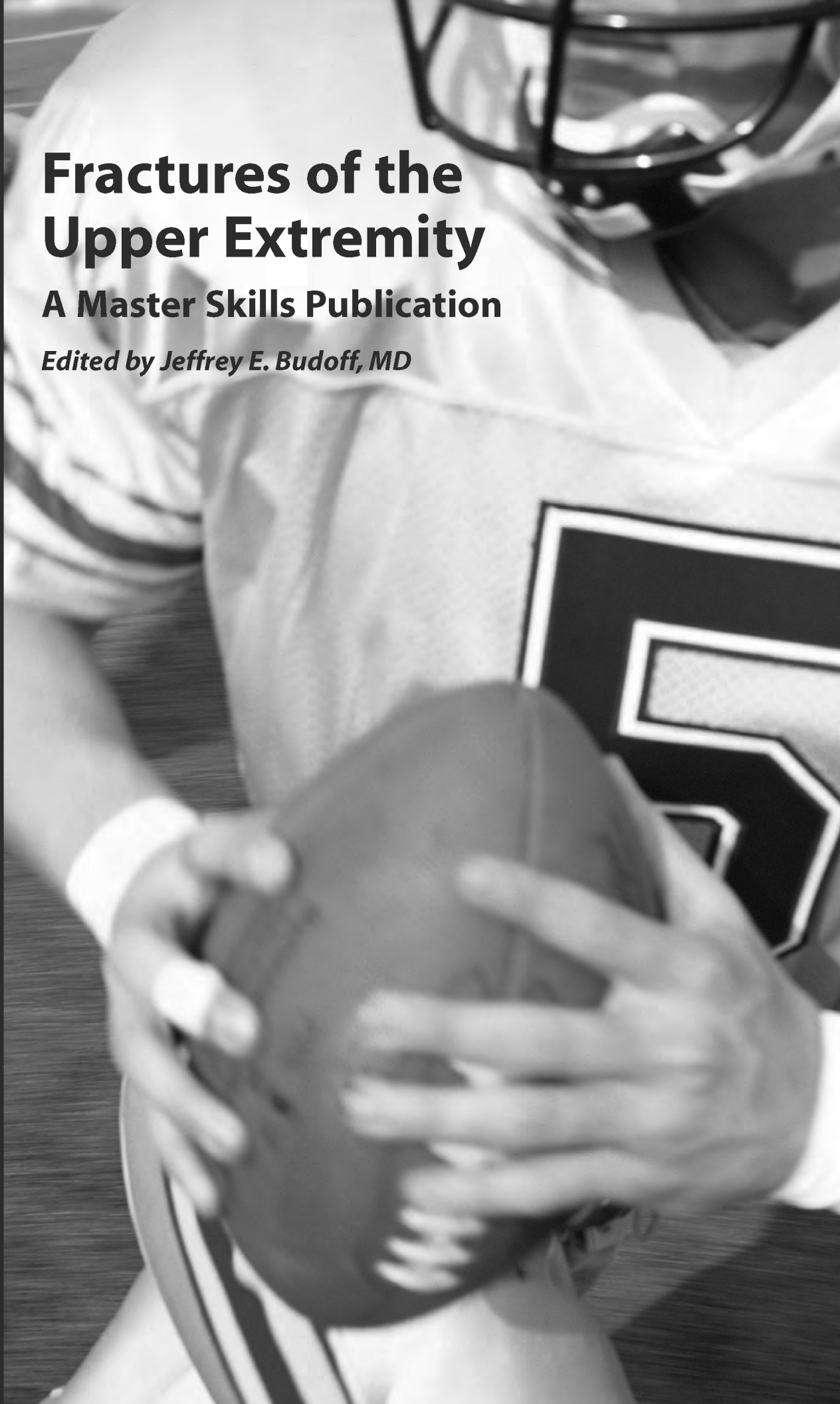




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Foreword

Fractures of the Upper Extremity: A Master Skills Publication continues the long tradition of educational works produced by the American Society for Surgery of the Hand. This publication is designed to provide residents, fellows, and established surgeons with a powerful tool to advance their knowledge and skills in treating fractures of the upper extremity. Organized by anatomic region, its in-depth focus contains details, pearls, and pitfalls provided by the masters of this craft. Rather than speaking theoretically or describing each reported method, these chapters focus on the “bottom-line, step-by-step, how-to” of treating these complicated fractures using the most advanced technology and techniques. Read cover to cover, or used as a preoperative reference, this book will help the reader choose the appropriate fixation technique, understand how to execute it with precision, know its limitations, optimize postoperative management, and avoid the common pitfalls along the way.

This book is, first and foremost, the result of the authors’ hard work. We are indebted and grateful to those who took time away from their lives, families, and practices to contribute to this text. The sharing of their knowledge and experience is truly a gift to others striving to optimally treat these challenging injuries and their patients.

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