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The author takes the practitioner through basic anatomy and physiology of the lymphatic system, and progresses into more in-depth studies of this amazing biological system. The book culminates with treatment suggestions that can be implemented into an established practice and experienced manual therapist protocols. Practitioners will gain a new perspective of manual therapy for their orthopedic patient population.

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