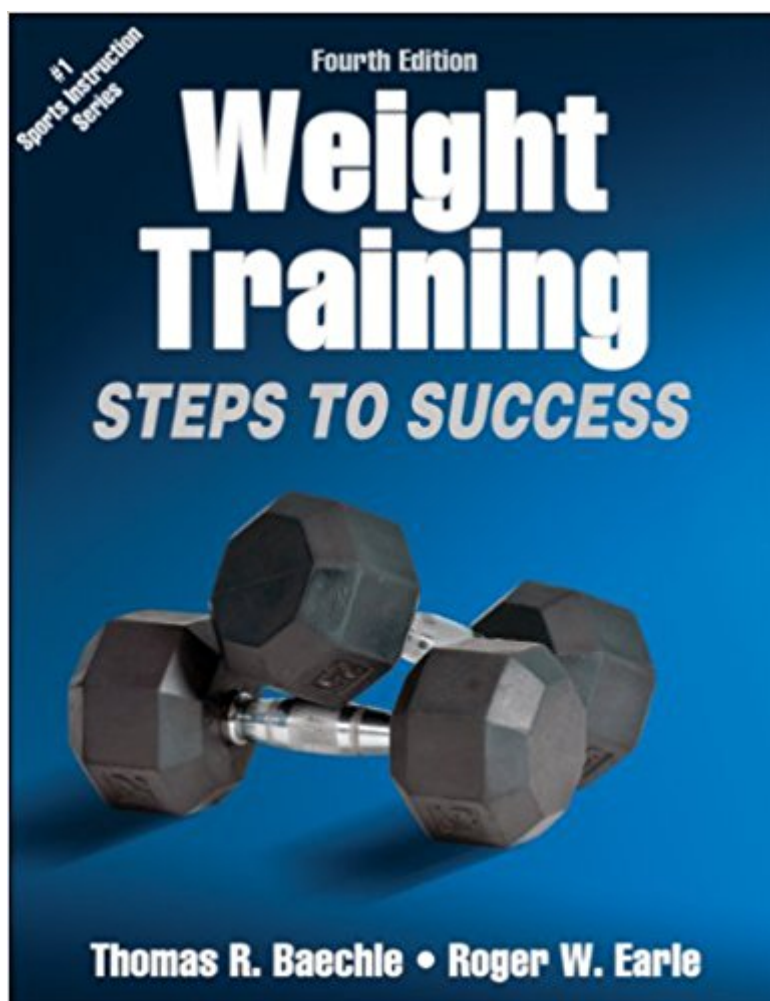




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# Weight Training-4th Edition: Steps To Success (Steps To Success Activity Series)



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The book does not explain its principles well and contains few to none scientific references. Furthermore, it does not cite its information, so you are forced to rely on hope to understand the book. Lastly, although the book contains textual descriptions of the various exercises, it does not provide any video sources. And personally, I have found videos to be more useful for getting an overall feel of a workout than text descriptions. Overall, I rate it two stars because although the book is terrible for pedagogic reasons, Baechle did seem to put in some thought into the numbers provided, and it may be a helpful reference for those who already know all of the contents of the book. If you are looking for a bodybuilding textbook, you should instead use 'Body Building Revealed' by Will Brink, who is well-known for using hard science to back up his claims.

I can't say enough good about this paperback book! It is a true learning tool. It makes clear even complicated material, and if you follow thru the steps (they are actually short chapters) you will come to be able to program just as the authors promise. If you are new to personal training, or just new to the gym, you would do well to spend the little amount of money this costs, devote a little time, and come away knowing something useful. The authors are not only lifetime experts in their field, but they are truly teachers in the best sense of that word. Thank you for your excellent book!

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