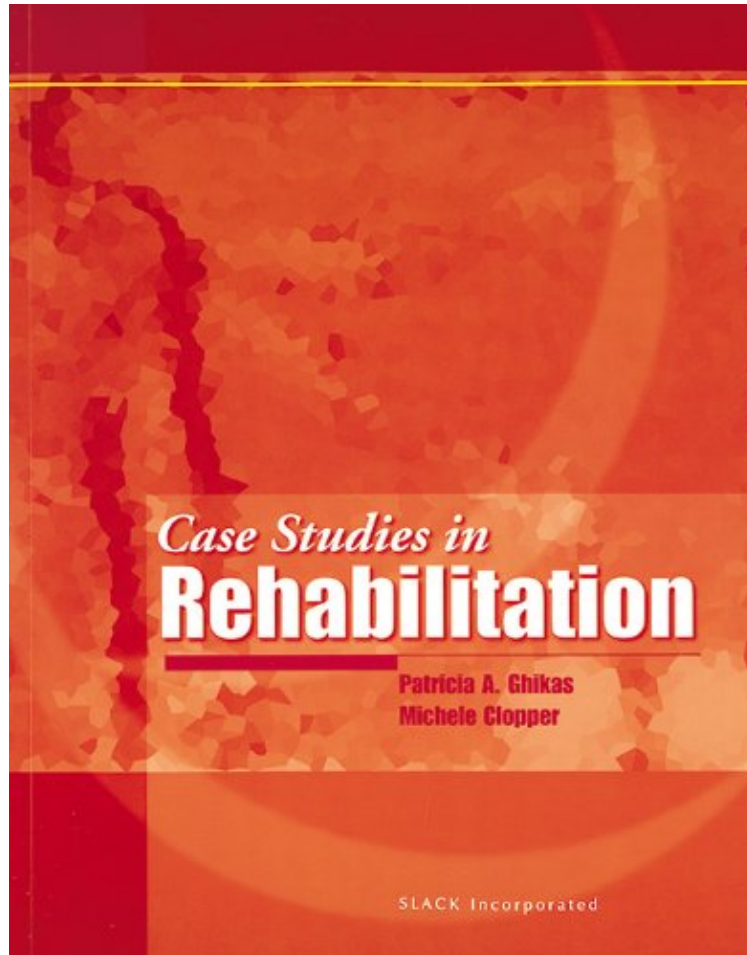


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Occupational and physical therapy students are likely to find the provided cases practical with well-organized descriptions of people with disabilities ranging in age, diagnosis, and complexity.

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