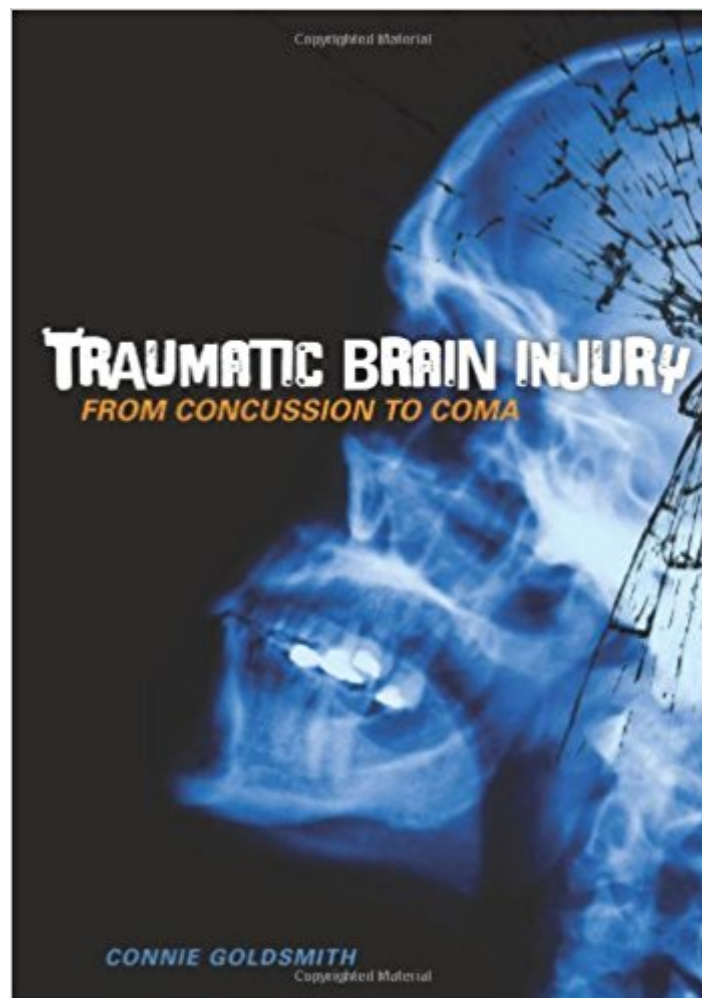




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Traumatic Brain Injury: From Concussion To Coma (Nonfiction - Young Adult)



Synopsis

"Two soccer players collide on the field. A soldier in Afghanistan is thrown to the ground during a bomb explosion. A teen has an accident while riding her bike and she isn't wearing her helmet. Each of these incidents can produce a traumatic brain injury (TBI). Of the 1.7 million Americans officially diagnosed with TBI each year, 52,000 die from their injuries. And that doesn't count all the unreported TBIs, which experts estimate range from about 2 to 4 million more incidents. TBIs range from concussions to penetrating head injuries to life-threatening brain swelling and coma. And they have countless causes: war, sports, car and motorcycle accidents, falls, and physical violence. The aftereffects can be devastating, including compromised memory and concentration, loss of hearing, physical disabilities, depression, brain disorders, and, in the worst-case scenario, death. Find out about the different types of TBIs, what causes them, and how they are diagnosed and treated. Along the way, you'll learn about National Hockey League player Derek Boogaard and U.S. Representative Gabby Giffords, both of whom sustained TBIs, with dramatically different outcomes. You'll also meet teens and young adults living with TBIs and the doctors who treat them. And you'll learn about amazing medical technologies that help victims recover and promise hope for the future."

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Gr 6-8 • A concise and well-researched exploration of mild to severe injuries of the human brain. The well-organized, short chapters provide overviews of traumatic brain injuries caused by sports, motor-vehicle accidents, in the military, and more. Each chapter begins with an account of a real incident, which is then discussed and supported by statistics and scientific studies.

Small, full-color photos appear throughout. While the book is hardly comprehensive, it is a strong start for research and provides an extensive bibliography and suggested readings, websites, and videos. Middle school libraries especially will be well served by this book due to the open format and accessible language, although the chapters covering sports and motor-vehicle accidents offer insightful information for high school audiences as well. --Tammy Turner, Centennial High School, Frisco, TX

Traumatic brain injury is in the news on many fronts: high-school sports, NFL football, and wounded warriors, to name a few. Registered nurse and health writer Goldsmith relates the new information about traumatic brain injury, offering personal stories along the way. She covers the causes of concussions in chapters relating to sports, the military, falls, and motor vehicle accidents. In addition, she examines new safeguards, including testing and research for better treatment, along with ways to prevent head injuries. Photographs, charts, and statistics are included, which expand the information. Appended are source notes, a glossary, a bibliography, and a list of websites and resources. The currency of this topic and its potential impact on teens make this a smart choice for school and public libraries. Grades 7-10. --Martha Edmundson

I used this book for a psychology project and it was really helpful! The info is very easy to understand and illustrations are great.

Brief, well written. It's a good quick read. Not in depth or emotionally moving but good overview. I recommend for quick read

Connie Goldsmith's latest health non-fiction book, TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY, is fascinating. Using case studies, photographs and an accessible writing style, this book is a must-have for teachers, librarians and parents. With so many kids involved in sports, this book explains in an easy-to-understand style the danger of head traumas, while giving practical advice on precautions to take to avoid injuries.. Highly recommended!!!

Connie Goldsmith does a great job making difficult scientific topics interesting for kids. I particularly like her anecdotal information about people who suffered traumatic brain injuries--it puts a human spin on a topic that might otherwise be loaded with statistics. The images and graphics supplement Goldsmith's text perfectly. An easily digestible, thought-provoking read.

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