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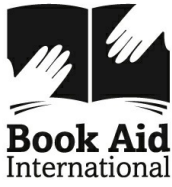
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Ronald Miller arrived from Indiana and completed his anesthesia training at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) in 1968, which included a Master's Degree in Pharmacology, an experience that would inform his lifelong dedication to academic anesthesia. Soon thereafter, Miller left San Francisco to serve his country in Vietnam, where he cared for wounded soldiers at the Naval Hospital in Da Nang, receiving the Bronze Star for Meritorious

Service. He returned with more than a prestigious medal, as it was during this experience that his interest in transfusion medicine began, and while serving, he collected data and pursued both the mechanisms of coagulopathy with massive transfusion. This seminal work led to important practice changes in transfusion medicine. Shortly after returning to UCSF, he began his acclaimed work on neuromuscular blockade, which also led to significant practice change around the world.

As Chair of Anesthesia at UCSF for 25 years, Miller built a legendary department, training hundreds of anesthesiologists and seeding the world with leaders in our specialty. More than 20 alumni of the residency (including two of the co-editors) have become chairs of anesthesia in academic departments. He has had an illustrious career as an academic, publishing nearly 400 papers and accumulating accolades from national and international organizations, including perhaps the highest honor of being inducted into the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences (now the National Academy of Medicine). In addition to establishing and leading this text, from 1991 to 2006, Miller served as Editor-in-Chief of *Anesthesia and Analgesia*, completely re-envisioning the journal and turning it into one of the leading journals in our specialty, drawing from editors and authors from around the world.

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