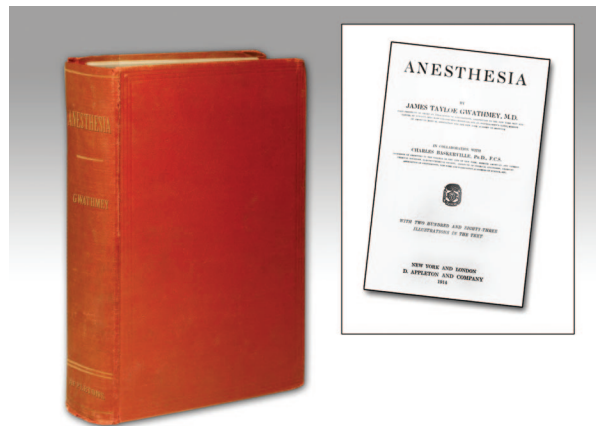


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Gwathmey's 1914 *Anesthesia*



As the founder and first president of the American Association of Anesthetists, James Tayloe Gwathmey, M.D. (1862–1944), produced what many regard as America's first truly comprehensive textbook on anesthesia. Yes, the gilt-lettered, red-covered first edition of his *Anesthesia* was lavishly illustrated (*above*, courtesy of the Wood Library-Museum). However, it was Gwathmey's collaboration with renowned chemist Charles Baskerville, Ph.D., that answered Gwathmey's plea 8 yr prior "for the scientific administration of anesthetics." Even 8 yr after its publication, the first edition of Gwathmey's *Anesthesia* was saluted by Dr. F. H. McMechan as "the most comprehensive anesthesia textbook now extant. . . ." (Copyright © the American Society of Anesthesiologists, Inc. This image appears in color in the *Anesthesiology Reflections* online collection available at www.anesthesiology.org.)

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