

*The lives of Claude Spicher and me have become interwoven. And yet we have never met. Ideas and research are the material of which the fabric is woven, and the process of weaving is the process of writing. The finished product for me was my first book Evaluation of Sensibility in the Hand and Re-Education of Sensation, published in 1981, and my last book, Somatosensory Testing and Rehabilitation, published in 1997. The finished product for Claude Spicher is what you now hold in your hands, the Handbook for Somatosensory Rehabilitation. It is as if our writings were a word puzzle in which the individual words have been shifted to create something similar yet different.*

*Claude Spicher has written a scholarly, enlightening book that is visually fun to read, and yet a challenge to the intellect. This handbook was carefully written with love, as it represents the culmination of more than two decades of his clinical work. His handbook is full of practical techniques to help patients with peripheral nerve problems using classic approaches and his own synthesis of these to create novel approaches as well. Therapists in all disciplines will learn from studying this material. One day it will be my honor to meet him in person, and have our actual lives, instead of our virtual lives, intertwined.*

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