Any book on breast cancer can become outdated in a very short period of time and the most up-to-date information therefore needs to compiled and rapidly disseminated in order for a work to be useful to the many diverse subspecialists in medicine and surgery who participate in the care of the breast cancer patient. This book is an amalgamation of chapters from experts around the world covering topics that range from the latest advances in the basic science of breast cancer, to every significant aspect of diagnosis and treatment of this disease. Within each of the sections are chapters that are broad and might cover general approaches and algorithms for therapy, while others might be highly focused on some of the most controversial and cutting-edge therapies. Within surgical treatment, my own specific area of expertise, for example, experts discuss the latest approaches to oncologic extirpation of breast cancer - anatomical approaches, highly aggressive versus minimal resection, breast reconstruction as well as one of the newest areas of surgical oncology that blends oncologic surgical principles with plastic surgery techniques—oncoplastic surgery. We hope that this very comprehensive compiliation of highly focused chapters will provide the practitioner with fresh new ideas and insights into the multidisciplinary approach to breast cancer.

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