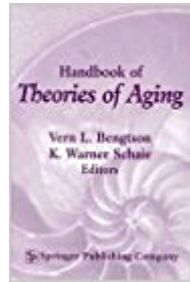


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The first chapter of this book resulted in the two of us students asking the professor if we could choose another book due to its stuffy, dry complexity. But we hung in there and by chapter 3 it started getting more readable. The book does cover the subject pretty thoroughly for its time (starting to get outdated now with all the newer theories coming out). However, all in all, I would have enjoyed a newer version if one was available. To be fair, our professor says this book is the "gold standard" on the topic.

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