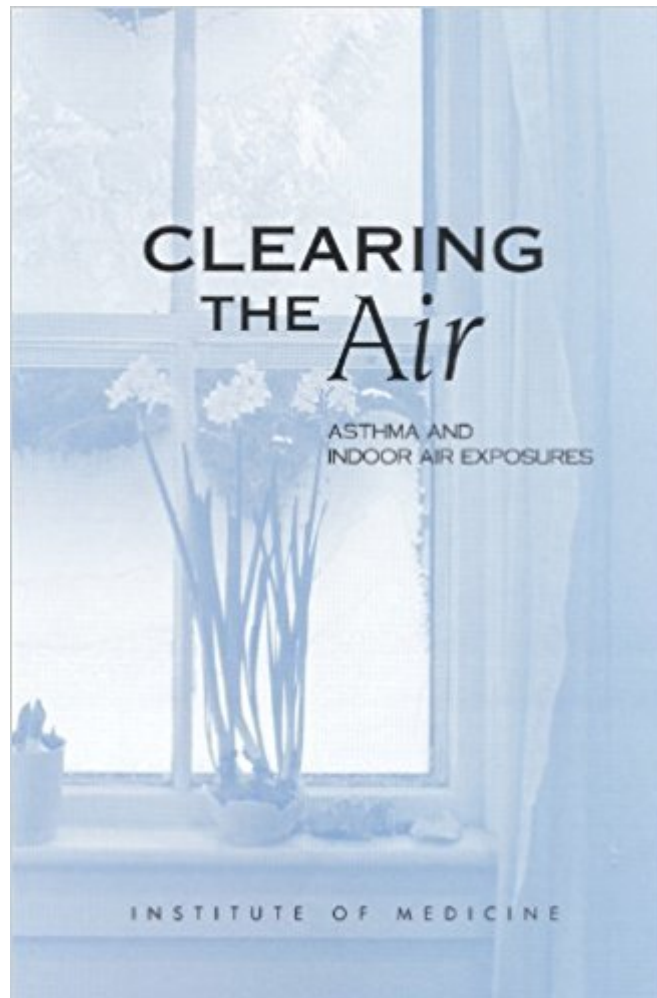




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This is clearly the authoritative review of asthma and domestic indoor air quality. Not only does it present a (nearly) complete summary of indoor air issues and asthma, but it describes the degree of certainty with which it draws conclusions. While I might have been more interested in some acrylates and urethanes, etc, I think if you are interested in this issue you must read this source.

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