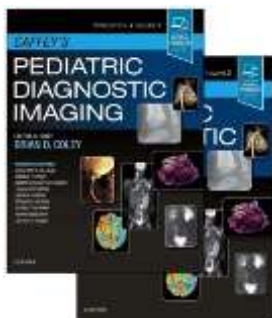


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REVIEW

Book reviewed by Sana Ali, ST5 paediatric radiology, and Dr Karl Johnson, consultant paediatric radiologist, Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Caffey's Pediatric Diagnostic Imaging textbook is renowned as one of the oldest and most prominent general textbooks in the field of paediatric radiology and this updated edition certainly does not disappoint.

As has been the case with the previous editions, the text consists of two reasonably sized volumes covering all key areas using an intuitive systems-based approach.

A well-written introductory chapter covering radiation effects and safety has also been included, which is great and an essential aspect of paediatric radiology needing to be emphasised. Each systems-based chapter is subdivided into various sub-topics, allowing the reader to easily target a particular area they may wish to focus on and all of which are easily accessible in the contents pages. The neuroradiology chapters are very comprehensive given the more general nature of the book and areas of advanced neuroimaging such as MR spectroscopy are covered well.

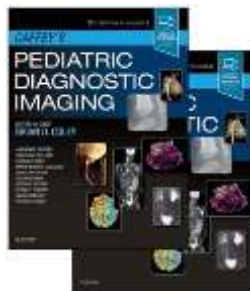
Each chapter begins with a section on embryology, anatomy, normal findings and imaging findings, which allows the reader to appreciate key underlying principles relevant to understanding the pathological conditions later described. Where the pathologies are defined, they are often described with their relevant clinical presentation, imaging and treatment, providing a useful clinical approach for the radiologist. A nice feature of the book is the use of red summary boxes and blue tables to highlight useful clinically appropriate information, eg 'abdominal complications of distal shunt catheters.' Similarly there are green key points boxes at the end of each sub-topic, which provide a good summary and reminder of the salient and most relevant points.

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Throughout the book, reference is made to all the modalities in a well-balanced manner. The quality of images is excellent and come across well on the glossy pages of the book. The anatomical drawings are colourful and easy to comprehend with an appropriate level of labelling. At the end of each chapter, there is relevant suggested reading included.

The book is particularly useful for radiology registrars and fellows specialising in paediatric radiology as it provides a sound foundation of knowledge regarding paediatric imaging techniques and pathology across all systems. The text is easy to navigate with a neat and systematic layout and helpful contents and index pages. The text would also be an excellent resource for radiology registrars studying for the FRCR examination.

Although a little on the expensive side, *Caffey's* is an excellent book overall and especially for the budding paediatric radiologist. This updated version covers all the key areas one would need during training and early years as a consultant in the speciality. It is also convenient that there is an enhanced digital version that is included with the book, allowing for easy access wherever you may be and which also includes online educational videos. We feel this book is essential and highly valuable in any radiology department where paediatric radiology is routinely practiced.

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