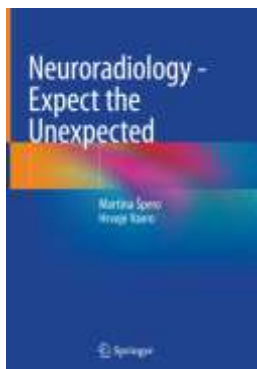


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Book reviewed by Dr Chris Rowland Hill, consultant neuroradiologist, Hull Royal Infirmary

This book comprises 27 case reports (two more than the 25 declared in the publisher's promotional material), covering a wide range of pathologies affecting the head and spine. The case mix ranges from the relatively common to the very rare. I doubt I will ever see a garfish sting embedded in the orbit but many of the cases feature pitfalls and misdiagnoses that will be familiar to anyone involved in interpreting neuroimaging.

Each case is titled with the diagnosis and sometimes also with the main differential. The cases are outlined with a clinical summary including a description of the imaging and other relevant investigations. There is an account of the diagnoses made and differentials as the cases evolved.

Illustrations are plentiful and of good quality, certainly sufficient to demonstrate the pertinent features. The images are not annotated, which may be an issue for an inexperienced reader in some instances. By and large, the accompanying text describes the relevant features clearly with the advantage that the images are not cluttered by an array of arrows and asterisks.

There is a short discussion section for each case with a small number of relevant references provided at the end. Some of the discussion sections are very good, others less so.

Presenting the cases as the authors have done reflects the process of real-life daily practice but I felt it a pity that the cases were not initially presented as diagnostic challenges to allow the reader to independently formulate a diagnosis first. It would then be interesting to read how the diagnosis evolved as a live clinical case, complete with initially mistaken diagnoses.

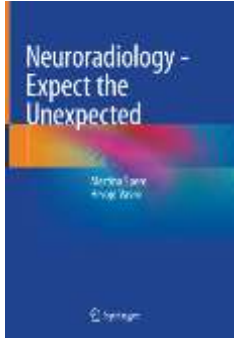
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Although not all the cases in this book quite conform to the message of the title, overall I felt that the range of cases did convey the need to keep a wider differential diagnosis in mind. The publisher's synopsis aims this book at "young radiologists". I think any trainee or general radiologist with an interest in neuroimaging, including those not so young, would learn something useful from perusing these cases. This particularly applies to the first five cases in part one, 'Most likely differential diagnosis', which illustrate diagnostic pitfalls that are certain to crop up in routine practice from time to time.

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