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Book reviewed by Dr Peter Strouhal, consultant radiologist, New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton.

This hardback comprises 490 pages and includes more than 1,600 high quality images. These include a few simple explanatory diagrams or sketches but mostly high quality CT and MR images acquired on modern scanners, with judicious use of plain x-rays, angiographic images, ultrasound and even a few PETCT scan images where relevant.

The index is reasonable at best but the contents pages that are broken down into many parts and quite detailed more than make up for it. Each section covers basic anatomy including any embryology if relevant (and so also normal variants), with mostly cross-sectional imaging. There is then good coverage on clinical features for common conditions, differential diagnoses (commonest ones only) and key imaging features including some discussion about the choice of imaging modality. For example, there is a good schematic for focal liver lesions, key distinguishing features and which modality is most helpful. The sections do not cover all differentials (omitting rarer ones), nor do they cover the incidences/ prevalence of conditions but are more focused on genuine 'working' diagnoses of common presenting conditions.

There are good sections on the heart too, as well as the male and female pelvis (so not purely 'abdomen' as the title might imply).

This is a well-written book that flows well and also comes with reasonable free online content, viewable on PC format and Android phone; each section loading as a scrolling screen so it is simple to navigate and read, with the images available separately if desired. The section contents can also be saved to pdf (if viewed on a phone).

Overall, it is a good learning text for radiologists in training, where it is squarely aimed, and covers the basics well if used as a refresher for more experienced radiologists.

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