

BOOK REVIEW

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A Review of *A Color Atlas of Neuropathology*

REFERENCE: Treip, C. S., *A Color Atlas of Neuropathology*, Year Book Medical Publishers, Chicago, Ill., 1978, 208 pages, \$35.00.

Neuropathology has long been an intimidating subdivision of anatomic pathology. Eponymous diseases (diagnosed by esoteric stains) seem to comprise an uncomfortable segment of the subspecialty, and yet a significant percentage of a forensic pathologist's cases involve neuropathologic conditions. C. S. Treip has added another volume to the *Color Atlas* series, and the result is a compact but surprisingly useful handbook. It makes a welcome complement to Fascicle 6 of the *Tumor Pathology Series* by covering, in addition to neoplasia, infectious and inflammatory disease, vascular disease, degenerative and demyelinating diseases, metabolic disorders, nutritional deficiencies, congenital malformations, and perinatal disorders. Also included is a section on traumatic lesions that is, unfortunately, very brief.

The book condenses neuropathology into approximately 200 pages of text and illustrations (predominantly illustrations). Gross as well as microscopic anatomy is demonstrated and (in slight contrast to the title) most but certainly not all of the illustrations are in color. Most of the staining techniques used are hematoxylin and eosin with a minimum of unfamiliar stains demonstrated. The printing is of high quality on semigloss paper with excellent registration and clarity of the photomicrographs.

The *Atlas* is a worthwhile addition to a personal anatomic pathology library. Mine is already beginning to show signs of wear.

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