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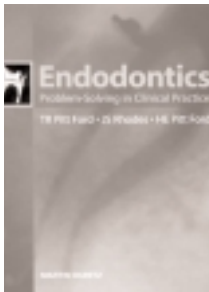
Endodontics: Problem-Solving in Clinical Practice

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Orthodontists, general dentists, and anyone else interested in the current state of the art and science of clinical endodontics should read this relatively brief new book, which covers the entire spectrum of modern endodontic practice.

The first two chapters, describing diagnosis and root-canal anatomy, are particularly well done. The chapters on preparation and obturation show the most recent advances, including the use of MTA and K3 rotary instruments. Other chapters include complex endodontic problems, emergencies, and the care of children.

Because the authors do not intend for their book to be a rigorous review of the literature, they include a suggested reading list rather than footnotes at the end of each chapter. The book is

profusely illustrated, and the color figures alone are worth the price.

I have a few minor disagreements with the text, such as ascribing an inflammatory etiology to cervical resorption. Although this may sometimes be the case, I prefer to categorize it as a replacement resorption. On the whole, however, the authors have admirably achieved their goal of surveying clinical endodontics in an easy-to-read manner.

The book would serve as a good introduction to endodontics for dental students as well as an excellent refresher for any dentist. The senior author, T.R. Pitt Ford, has been a hero of mine since I was an endodontic resident, so it was a special pleasure to review this book.

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