

# Book review

## Clinical Orthopaedic Diagnosis

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This book is not just another book on clinical diagnostic methods. It is outstanding in many ways. The extensive collection of clinical photographs illustrates not only the clinical methods taught, but it also illustrates the decades of active orthopaedic experience of the authors. Throughout the text, charts are used to tabulate information in a concise manner and also to compare and contrast commonly confusing entities.

In this age of subspecialisation, books containing more detailed knowledge of specific subspecialities are available. This book bridges the gap created by such a fragmentation of orthopaedic surgery. Many of the historical physical signs as well as modern diagnostic

methods are condensed within the 500 pages. Actually, there is one chapter devoted to 'Advanced Diagnostic Imaging'. What is more important is the authors' emphasis on the use of 'our probing eyes, sensitive fingers and sparkling brains', lest the younger generation become slaves of modern technology.

Another unique feature is the coverage of clinical problems of the tropics and developing countries. With advances in communication, borders and boundaries are little more than lines on maps. This book is, therefore, an important practical reference for students and all frontline workers in orthopaedics and traumatology.

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