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Customer Reviews

This book is nearly identical to the BRS Neuroanatomy. It is the same author and same publisher. You'll notice that chapters are nearly identical. The phrasing has been slightly modified in areas, but it has roughly 99% of the same content. The BRS has practice questions and answers at the end of each chapter, which the High-Yield does not. So, if you already have the BRS, don't waste your money buying this. Some of the illustrations have the footnote "Reproduced with permission from BRS Neuroanatomy", which I couldn't figure out because the author and publisher are the same, so why would they need permission from themselves to duplicate their work?

I have High Yield, Ridiculous, and Kaplan sitting in my collection of USMLE Step 1 books as my Neuroanatomy resources. Kaplan is tough (they do the Gross, Histology, and Embryology perfectly). The Kaplan Neuroanatomy section is useful if you already know your Neuroanatomy really well, and you just want to get an idea of the important aspects for Step 1. If you are shaky on Neuro, Kaplan is difficult to work with. I recommend either supplementing with Ridiculous or substituting with High Yield. Ridiculously Simple makes Neuroanatomy easy to understand and remember. However, while flipping through this book, there is always a feeling that there are some important chunks of testable knowledge missing. The "ridiculous" memory tools are totally useful. I bought it in order to help connect the dots in the Kaplan Neuroanatomy section, and it is great for that. If you are using Kaplan materials, and you're having difficulty with Neuro, I would recommend supplementing with this Ridiculous book. I'm just speculating, but I don't think this book by itself could secure a high score. A friend who just got through Step 1 handed me her copy of High Yield Neuro, "just in case". I avoided buying this to supplement my Kaplan materials because the High Yield Genetics and Immunology books can be tough. High Yield Neuroanatomy is a departure from those other High Yields, as it is easy enough for medical students to understand, and it is higher yield for Step 1 prep than is Ridiculously Simple. This is a superb standalone resource for Neuroanatomy. It is my top

recommendation and the only one which I will be using for the rest of my USMLE preparation. In any review I do of medical texts, I will always say that the best resources are the ones with which YOU are comfortable. More to come from "Dr. VK"

It's very dry, and goes into a lot of detail, but it has literally everything you need to know about neuroanatomy included. I am using only this combined with First Aid for step studying; it has already helped me tremendously in my CNS class at med school.

This book is literally saving my ass for this neuro class I'm taking (I'm a 2nd year medical student). Our first exam is at the end of this weekend, and I don't know how I would get through it without the book! Thank you! Things are clear and concise, and it breaks down things in a logical way that makes sense.

The USMLE has become increasingly focused on neuro over the past few years, and First Aid has become more and more inadequate with respect to neuro. This book is a great way to prepare for the neuro questions on Step 1. It's a slender book and is thus a very quick read --- heck, I'm a slow reader and finished it in 2.5 days. At the beginning of the book are several images of brain sections, with arrows pointing to the most important structures. The book also has radiologic images (MRA, MRI, CT) which were very helpful for me when I took Step 1 --- actually, I remember having 3 distinct questions with an accompanying MRA image. The book does a good job of explaining the basic function/organization of the different parts of the brain in a concise manner. There were a few sections that I thought were a little too detailed for Step 1 --- especially the cerebellum section. Overall, though, it's a wonderful book and it will help you to nail the neuro questions on the USMLE.

One of the other reviews pointed out that this is a good book if you already have a foundation and I completely agree. This was the first time I purchased a High-Yield book and figured that I could use it the same way that I used my BRS books, which was to read ahead so I wouldn't be lost during lecture and then use them again to review before an exam. Since I started neuroanatomy/neurophysiology this semester I bought the book during winter break and began to read. Well even after I started classes this book still didn't make sense to me. However, before my first exam (but after I had a chance to review the material) I picked up this book again and looked at the sections that we covered and that's when things clicked. This book tells you that you "have to know" a particular topic, and once you have covered that topic in class you realize the author is

absolutely right. So I think this book is more of a professor sitting by your side and reminding you or telling you what was important about a topic in case you forgot. This book gets right to the point and is sparse on words (hence the small number of pages), which is good if you want a really quick answer to a "what was that about" type question, but bad if you want to learn what's going on. So in summary, I think this is a great book if you want to have something to make your studying session solid and get quick answers before an exam (or more importantly before USMLE step 1), but if you want to learn before class buy something else.

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