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Edited by professors of pathology at Wayne State U.'s School of Medicine, this is the new edition of a work first published in 1972 to give pathologists, pathology residents, coroners, guidance in the recognition and interpretation of wound patterns and mechanisms of injury in a legal context. The text aims to cover all major aspects of the subject and offers chapters on the history of forensic medicine and pathology, crime scene evidence, time of death and changes after death, identification of human remains, anthropology, forensic odontology, sudden and unexpected death from natural causes in adults, investigation of deaths in childhood. Discussion includes trauma and disease; injury by blunt and sharp forces and by gunfire and asphyxia, among other causes; investigation of bodies in water; electrical and lighting injuries; medicolegal investigation of mass disasters; trauma of the nervous system; microscopic forensic pathology; forensic aspects of radiology; and the autopsy report and selected procedures at autopsy. In order that the material be accessible to attorneys and other interested parties, technical terminology is avoided. Numerous b&w illustrations are included. Annotation © 2006 Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

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Bert says

Dr. Spitz is a truly fascinating man, a genius. He's the guy who essentially almost single-handedly invented the medical specialty of forensic pathology. He was hands-down the most interesting expert witness I ever have had occasion to hire (death penalty case). Moreover he steered me to another expert, a forensic dentist, who debunked the prosecution's theory that our client was some kind of a monster. This book is not for the squeamish, it contains graphic but necessary autopsy & crime scene photographs. Spitz now co-edits the book with his son, and together they individually author some of the specialized chapters. "The Bible of Forensic Pathology." Don't lend this book out, it's expensive to replace and you'll never get it back....

Andrew says

The foremost text in forensic pathology. Not for the weak of stomach or hearts, and requires an intimate knowledge of anatomy and medicine. Not recommended for those who haven't studied law or human biology.

Kevin Pearce says

After being appointed, I needed a good reference to support the OCME internal policy documents. This volume is the premier and recommended by my colleagues. It is an invaluable (valued at \$100) reference for the MDI or LE investigator.

Fishface says

Great basic text on forensic pathology. Not for the faint of heart; the photos are rough to look at, and they are on every single page.

Krotpong says

Absolutely incredible. A brutal tour de force of man's inhumanity to man.

Sharon Ryan says

Quite informative and easy to read even for someone who is not a medical or forensic student or professional.

Mr. Roboto says

What didn't I learn from this book? This is an excellent resource for any forensic scientist or law enforcement officer that deals with wrongful or unexpected death. If you're contemplating suicide, have mercy on your parents - this book will show you what they'll probably see when they identify you at the morgue. It might make you think twice about your method. Excellent photographs and illustrations, well-written captions and chapters.
