

To the Reader

First and foremost, I would like to express my admiration for the editors. Both Judit Somlai and Tibor Kovács deserve utmost respect and appreciation, but it is Judit whose efforts were absolutely vital for this book. All of us are aware how hard it is to edit a book which is modern and wide ranging enough to hold the interest of many. I would say it needs almost superhuman patience to edit a book with more than 700 pages while cooperating with several co-authors.

The book is a perfect example of the holistic approach, which the reviewer himself is very keen on as well.

Apparently, neuroophthalmology is only a small field of medicine; however, the book itself proves that everything is related to everything else. The authors did not fall into the trap of focusing barely on minute details that would be of scientific interest only. Already the very first chapter of the book discusses the importance of neuroophthalmology and its relevance to neurology and ophthalmology.

The authors do not wish to become too scientific, they rather outline the role, objectives and tasks of neuroophthalmology in the clinical practice. Chapter 3 provides a broad overview of traditional, novel and supplementary investigative techniques. This overview is brief yet clear and it covers the most essential information. The most vital knowledge is generally summarised in 6-8 pages. Starting from Chapter 4, the book has an intriguing arrangement. Following the anatomical structure of the eyes, the authors first focus on the diseases of the retina and the optic nerve, then they proceed to analyse the conditions of the oculomotor system. Moving even further away from the eyes, the authors then discuss the diseases of the orbit, combining the functional and morphological aspects in an interesting way. A notable merit of the book is reviewing the neuroophthalmological aspects of the most common condition (headache) and rehabilitation.

With its 700-plus pages, attractive design, careful editing and brilliant figures, the book could rightly apply for the title 'Medical Book of the Year' and the reviewer (who is biased towards the authors) would whole-heartedly support this application. According to the saying of Terentianus, ("habent sua fata libelli") all books have their own destiny and I do hope this book is destined for success.

The reviewer willingly recommends this book not only to residents, specialty registrars and specialists but also to everyone interested in neuroophthalmology, neurology, ophthalmology, neurosurgery or radiology, as well as to internists who treat patients with neuroophthalmological symptoms and complaints.

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