



Book Review

Book Review: Atlas of Anatomy - Head, Neck, and Neuroanatomy

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Volume	: 3 Head, Neck, and Neuroanatomy English Version with Latin Nomenclature
Edited by	: Friedrich Paulsen Jens Waschke
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The original author, Professor Dr. med. Robert Johannes Sobotta (1869–1945) was born in Bonn, Germany, and was Professor and Director of the Anatomical Institute, University of Bonn. On the first edition of this book “ATLAS OF HUMAN ANATOMY” in 1904 in German language, on the Author’s Preface, he wrote that “the purpose of his Atlas of Anatomy was intended for practical needs of medical students and physicians and emphasized on those essentials, which he considered necessary in obtaining general knowledge of the Anatomy of Human Body.” Since then, there have been some additions and improvements done by different editors from different centers, and his legacy has continued.

This Atlas has been translated in numerous languages.

The 24th German edition was in 2017.

All the editors and contributors should be credited for continuing the legacy of this great Atlas of Anatomy.

The current Atlas, which is the 16th English/Latin Edition written in 2018, is 114 years after the original one and is consistent of three volumes:

Volume 1: General anatomy and musculoskeletal system

Volume 2: Internal organs

Volume 3: Head, neck, and neuroanatomy

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I would concentrate on volume 3 of these series which is pertinent to the field of neurosurgery/neurology and related head and neck structures. It is divided into five sections as followings:

A: Head

B: Eye

C: Ear

D: Neck

E: Brain and spinal cord

Each section starts with an overview, followed by focused topic highlights, the clinical relevance, then the figures, and finally with a brief practice examination questions to engage the readers. Each structure is described precisely and comprehensively.

The new editors have tried their best to keep this Atlas more compatible with the current educational system integrating new technologies and trying to make it convenient for the readers to go through them.

The quality of drawings is extraordinary and precise, and the formats the editors used are very unique.

The only drawback for such a great Atlas is that it would be preferable if the editors have used only the English nomenclature rather than mixing them with Latin. They could have supplemented a Latin Glossary at the end for those who are interested because the Latin nomenclatures are rarely used in the current medical literature.

These three series of Human Atlas are an excellent source of reference for any practicing clinician and scientist.

The foundation of teaching medicine is essentially based on the Human Anatomy and Physiology as it's related subjects.

Sadly, the recent changes in the Curriculum of Medical Education in most Medical Schools do not pay much attention in teaching the future physicians these two important subjects as needed which will be a deficiency for the next generations of medical doctors.

Professor Dr. med. Johannes Sobotta

The Legacy of the Great Masters will never be forgotten.



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