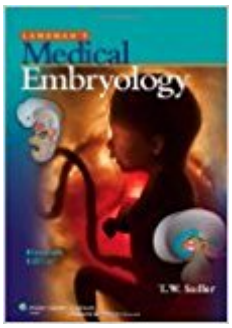
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So this is my book for my medical embryology course that I am taking right now, and I am extremely happy that I had an undergrad developmental biology course! It would be a pretty good book (3-4 stars) if it didn't contain an average of 4 mistakes per chapter (seriously). For example, in chapter 3, the secondary follicle is (wrongly) called a preantral follicle in a figure caption. In the text, the primary follicle is called a preantral follicle (which is correct). If you didn't know already, this book would just confuse you. In chapter 5, figure 5-4 will confuse you because figure 5-4b and 5-4c are reversed, both in the figure and in the caption. The effect of this error is a major one, leading you to believe that notochord development happens in a caudal to cranial direction when in fact it occurs in a cranial to caudal direction. In the text, it is stated correctly. Once again, if you don't know any better, you are just going to get confused by this book. Somatic and splanchnic mesoderm are confused by the author, an elementary mistake. Also, the editors must have been overly concerned with keeping the book small because the glossary of key terms doesn't even have definitions for primordial, primary, and secondary follicles, mesentery, and peritoneum. That is horrible for an embryology book and ends up costing you more time looking up definitions that aren't there. The dictionary should be abandoned. Also, even bolded words such as alpha-fetoprotein are left out of the INDEX. Piss-poor for a book in its tenth edition, and the sad thing is, this is supposed to be the best medical embryology text out there. . . .Aside from the obvious lack of effort in editing, this book has several good things about it. Despite being a tiny book, there is a lot of information packed into very dense writing. Some parts do not flow very linearly, which can be confusing. Other areas of embryogenesis are written poorly (e.g. progression of the villi from primary to tertiary, changes in

fetal/maternal blood circulation), but you can still manage to get the idea if you spend a little extra time on it. After slowly reading through, and barring any crazy typos, you will have a pretty clear albeit abbreviated picture of medical embryology. Also, The emphasis on clinical correlations is very nice and well written. There are many good figures for the clinical correlations (it is the other figures that are iffy, as described above). The CD that comes with the book is very nice too and is the only thing that makes me give this book 2 stars instead of one for all of the mistakes in the text. It is cartoonish, but it animates VERY clearly what is going on during different embryonic periods of development.All in all, I suspect you'll have to get this book if it is required. Just remember to be cautious of errors, especially in the figures. Maybe by the 11th edition all the kinks will finally get worked out. I doubt it.Note: I abandoned this book forÃ Â Before We Are Born: Essentials of Embryology and Birth Defects With STUDENT CONSULT Online Access (Before We Are Born: Essentials of Embryology & Birth Defects). I found this book to be almost identical in coverage and better written and edited. Moore, author of Clinically Oriented Anatomy, better correlates embryological structure to adult anatomy, which I think illustrates the clinical importance of embryology and makes it easier to learn.

The kindle edition of this book has numerous typos, which is disappointing. I usually prefer the Kindle edition of my textbooks, but I borrowed the paperback from my library, and this is one circumstance that the book is much better. The page setup on the kindle is not ideal, with many of the diagrams being several pages away from their description. Also, there is a very nice and helpful chart in the beginning of the paperback, that is not in a useable format in the kindle edition. I wish I could get a credit for the kindle book and use it to purchase the paperback.

Conscise compendium of basic knowledge...however, sometimes I feel like there's information missing or that there's a gap somewhere. It's really GREAT information that you must know and it's presented in small manageable chapters to reinforce and add to knowledge already aquired. However, it's not a book you can jump into for new knowledge or the chapter will become a never ending story even if you've forgotten the info or archived it in your brain without retrieval or easy access to that information. That being said. It is exactly what the description promises a review of medical embryology as brief and unrepetitive as possible. Easy to read and easy to refer to and the book is well organized however you would agree to that if you've had several courses in biology and reproduction so that Medical Embryology could seal the deal. Not this book is not for the novice while some might be able to pick it up if they are technically inclined and can sort out advance

knowledge without many issues.

I used the 2nd edition in med school and liked it then. This new edition continues the theme by giving enough detail without overpowering one with minutiae. The clinical correlations are very useful as well. The drawings are good and have helped me understand what is going on. I love the color in these drawings too, as textbooks in black- and- white now seem drab to me. I have also purchased other Embryology texts- Larsen's and Moore's- but Langman's continues to be the best. Highly recommended.

Beyond the chapter headings, the material is very disorganized and hard to follow. Embryology is a very difficult topic to learn as is. I found that this text's "back and forth" flashback style writing made it even worse. The graphics are wonderful, but not attached to the relevant pages....Sometimes the critical points arent even labeled. Waste of money.I quit using the book mid semester and found many other solid resources on medical school course sites (UNSW, Indiana, Duke, Univ Fribourg, McGill)

As soon as my wife got pregnant, the deluge of books started coming in for her. I was shocked at the huggy-feel-good nurture your baby books. All of them have the tone of how to have a baby for dummies. I wanted some real science, unfiltered and without the emotional crap. In my research for a book that would tell me the details of human development I happened on this book.I really liked this book.As a layman it was a good place for me to go back and review all the biology that I learned many years ago. It was also good to know what all the measurements, blood tests, and various poking and prodding all meant. Having some of a science background it was a good overview of the whole process. Knowing the various complications at different parts of the pregnancy was also good to know.If you're squeamish about looking at dead babies with a variety of birth defects you should probably not read this book.

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