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## Book Review

**Wetli CV, Mittleman RE, Rao VJ: *An Atlas of Forensic Pathology*, 286 pp, Chicago, American Society of Clinical Pathologists, 1999 (\$165).**

Forensic pathology is an empirical science that cannot be learned from books; there is no easy way around it, and the only way to become a forensic pathologist is to do it, if you have the stomach. This atlas is not a substitute for such training; nevertheless, its incredible collection of well-chosen pictures is as good a substitute as you can get.

This atlas, a compact compendium of forensic pathology, is an ideal quick review for residents and practicing hospital pathologist. Resi-

dents, this book could definitely help you pass the examinations. Hospital pathologists, if you are acting as part-time coroners, you could find in this book enough hints on how to handle various cases of suicide, murder, or traffic injuries and much more at the same time. This book also should be available to nonpathologists. All of us might from time to time be confronted with the task of dealing with an unusual death, and this book could serve as a quick reference to tide you over until the forensic team arrives.

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