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Book Review

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Like the Matrix films, when I study medicine I wish that I could download medical knowledge into my memory. Until medical science invents such a device or google becomes implanted into our occipital lobes, I thoroughly recommend the Oxford Cases in Medicine and Surgery.

As a student with limited time and even more limited money, I apply specific criteria as to when to invest in a textbook. Does the book cover the knowledge we are required to know? Is information clearly and concisely explained? Is it better than all other competitors?

In all of these respects the Oxford Handbook of Medicine and Surgery is superb. If this book was a person, it would be a cross between Stephen Fry and David Attenborough. The type of work that when you read you feel you are becoming a better medical student. You start to get a feel that it is all all coming together and that you're beginning to appreciate the level of knowledge you will need to have on day one working on a medical or surgical job.



Now I wouldn't want you to think that this I'm offering uncritical praise for this work. Though distinctive I'm personally not a fan of the red and white front cover.

However if you can look past this minor imperfection you will learn that not only is this the most useful book you are likely to come across a medical school, it also comes with a host of free online questions-accessible even without a paywall.

On the other hand, now that I am mindful that we are competitively ranked for foundation jobs, if you are a medical student and would generously like to give your competitors an advantage then please feel free not to read this book. Otherwise I simply cannot recommend this book enough.

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