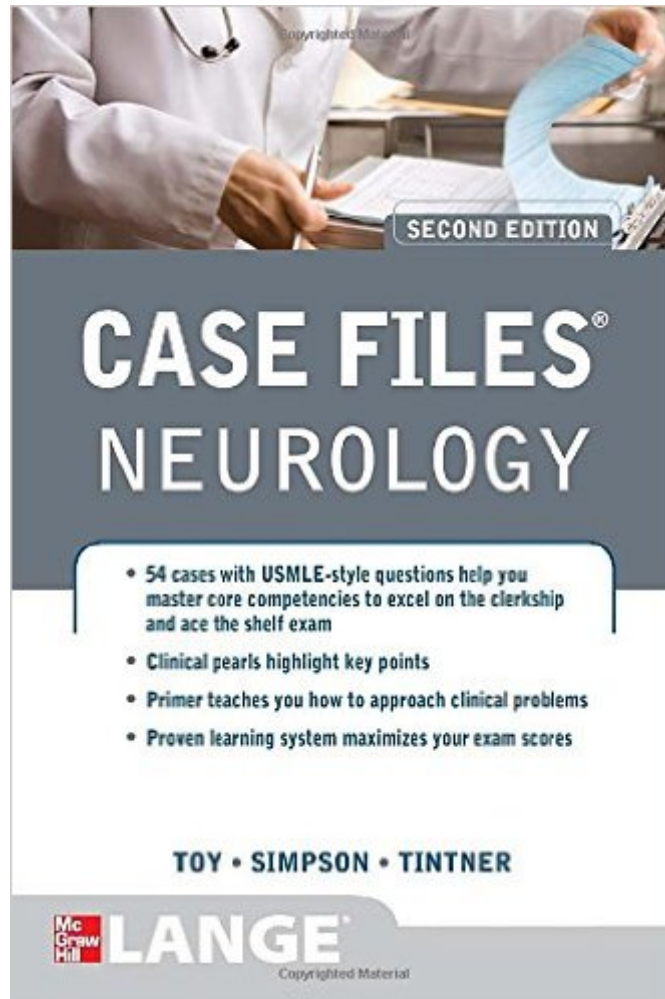


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Customer Reviews

This textbook on neurology in the Case Files series contains fifty-four well selected cases comprising common conditions diagnosed and treated by neurologists. Topics discussed include seizure, stroke, dementia, head trauma, demyelinating disease, infectious disease, and the approach to headache, among others. The explanations of the cases (including diagnosis, pathophysiology, and treatment) are generally well written and of appropriate quality. Unfortunately, the multiple choice questions included for each case are of exceptionally low quality. They do not at all mimic the types of questions found on the USMLE Step2 or on the NBME Shelf Exam. For example, many questions simply give the reader a list of four statements and ask him or her to select the correct statement (one would never be asked to do this on a real exam). The book is also absolutely riddled with typographical errors. This is surprising given that this is the second edition of the textbook. It also contains many outright factual errors. For example, on page 174, in the "clinical pearls" box, it states that Alzheimer's Disease is an "anterior cortical dementia", despite the fact that a mere six pages earlier, on page 168, it stated that Alzheimer's was the "prototype for posterior cortical dementia". Elsewhere in the book the authors make similarly contradictory statements, in one case recommending a CT scan with contrast as the initial study to rule out hemorrhagic stroke,

despite having recommended a CT scan without contrast on the previous page. Overall this is a useful book to prepare for the shelf exam and contains a well selected group of cases, including some diseases that aren't covered in the USMLE World Step2 question bank. However, the book is limited by its atrocious copy editing, factual errors, and weak questions. Readers should supplement this text with USMLE World or PreTest Neurology if they want a high score on the shelf exam.

I love case files series in general and use them for all my m3 clerkships, but man is this one bad. Just rife with spelling, vocab, and factual errors. Hard to trust anything it says. Hard to believe its a second edition. Do not recommend case files for neuro.

Good collection of case, well organized in a syndromatic groups, BUT absolutely hard to read, especially comparing with another book from the Case Files series. Some cases and explanations are so long and repeat consideration postulates... Really hard to use for exam preparation - a lot of irrelevant information even for easy and obvious topics. This should not be a study book - this is a review book, if one needs all this water and additional miriads of facts he should read Merk or Harrison.

I used this and Uworld Q-Bank and I did very well on the shelf. I would definitely recommend. Easy read. Can be a bit dense at times, but just appreciate that while reading and don't sweat the small stuff.

I used case files for pretty much all of my clerkships in 3rd year, and neuro was my last one. This book does not come close to the others unfortunately. It has lots of little mistakes here and there that just show it lacks in quality. It spends too much time on random diseases that you are unlikely to see. The question and answer portions that are well-developed in the other case files books are really lacking in this book. I think they should cut some of the super low-yield cases and expand out the important stuff, and fix all the errors that are rampant. Overall, this book got me thorough, but I think blueprints would have been better for neuro.

I've been finding this particular case files to be rather difficult to get through. It is huge, and covers a great amount, but I need more explanation than they offer, and I need an understandable layout. This should be second line reading to Neurology blueprints. Finish both books 1 week prior to the shelf, but if you can only do one, do Neurology Blueprints.

The copy editing is HORRIBLE in this book. It reads as though no one took the care and consideration of trying to make this readable, and occasionally what's written is clearly incongruent with what is correct. The cases are blatantly obvious from the description, so there's no real challenge in the book. Definitely the worst of the case files series, in my opinion, having used the books for every one of my 3rd year rotations so far.

As usual, Case Files provides plenty of information, but their extensive chapters are occasionally too wordy, leaving the more pertinent details for the shelf buried in minutiae. I prefer this to PreTest for shelf preparation, but I do wish they employed a better editor.

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