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Synopsis

Blueprints Pediatrics provides students with a concise, "need-to-know" review for the pediatrics rotation and the Boards. Each chapter is brief, written in narrative format, and includes pedagogical features such as bolded key words, tables, figures, and key points. This edition includes 2 new sections -- For the Boards, which presents 10 USMLE-style questions (answers & rationales at the end of the book) and For the Wards, a section of 2 case studies per chapters -- 40 to 50 cases, total. This edition includes 26 full-color dermatology and infectious disease photographs and multicolored flow diagrams of congenital heart defects. A website on thePoint includes the e-Book and 50-100 bonus questions in a question bank.

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Customer Reviews

This is a long read but I hope it saves some other med students from getting stuck with a horrendous text days before their shelf. I bought this for my pediatric clerkship and am currently using it to study for my shelf exam. I'm not sure why there are any positive reviews; it's probably a few med students attempting a self fulfilling prophecy or friends of the authors. I've actually read about half of it by now and have skimmed a great part of it, here's what I don't like and why (with specific examples if you care to read):

1. Errors. Both typographical and content errors. Every medical review book will have errors (see First Aid errata every year), but some of the errors really should have been fixed by now. For example, this edition is from 2013 and doesn't incorporate

changes to the Tdap vaccination schedule put in place by the ACIP in 2005. It's wrong about erythromycin prophylaxis and ophthalmia neonatorum d/t chlamydia trachomatis. Also it fails to mention hydrocephalus as a feature of congenital toxoplasmosis, which I only mention because it's part of a classic triad, not just one of the random ones. Just to name a few.² Content, or lack thereof. Several topics I found important throughout the rotation are nowhere to be found in the book. Unless they're mentioned in passing in some parts I haven't read thoroughly (but I check the index). Examples of topics I've realized are missing in one day of studying alone include effects of gestational diabetes, craniotabes, SUBGALEAL HEMORRHAGE, CELIAC DISEASE and TUBERCULOSIS. For how long and full of fluff this book is, it is missing some important topics.³ The formatting. Just awful.

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