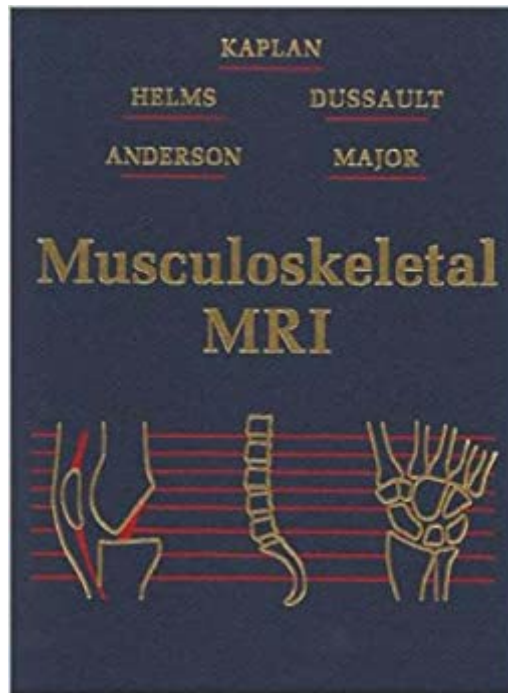




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Synopsis

MUSCULOSKELETAL MRI covers the essential and basic facts of musculoskeletal magnetic resonance imaging. Normal anatomy, the most common abnormalities, and diseases that are unique to the anatomic site are discussed along with individual joints and general disease processes. To facilitate learning, the text is logically organized by discussing the components of anatomy, then immediately explains abnormalities affecting the individual structures.

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I enjoyed reading this book. Placing the pathological imaging findings common to various parts of the body in the start of the book is an excellent idea as this makes it considerably easier to concentrate on the location specific images in the later parts of the book. For example tendonopathy looks similar whether it is in the arm or the leg but recognising the typical pattern of tendonopathy depends on the part of the body being imaged - biceps, Achilles tendon etc. I loved the sprinklings of humour in the book. The piece on post marathon thighs was fun - as well as potentially useful. I agree with the authors that it is easier to have a review of the anatomy immediately followed the related pathology. This I think helps to fix the anatomical/pathological correlation in the

head. Problems: One usual gripe: the more images the better. That having been said a book can only be so long. The choices made are excellent but this would need to be supplemented with additional books. For example although the chapter on the spine is excellent there are more than a few conditions that this book did not cover. One more serious problem: there is little to no coverage of some musculoskeletal conditions: coccydynia, xiphodynia, costochondritis, costovertebral arthritis. This is probably nit picking as these conditions with the exception of costochondritis are relatively rare. Costochondritis I do not think is imaged very often by MRI but it is common and probably should be included in such a book for completeness sake. Overall this is an excellent book on MRI of the musculoskeletal system and one I could recommend to anyone. I enjoyed reading it and learned a lot from it. The organisation of the book is one that I think could be profitably be copied.

This is an excellent book for the following reasons: -Size of text. This is the perfect size for an introductory text for a resident rotation. Small enough to throw in your backpack. -Cost. On par with the Requisite series. -Concise presentation. The text is easily readable for someone who has experience with plain film MSK, and takes time to explain the relevant anatomy when it's important. It goes over the most important topics over each major joint, leaving out the more obscure topics for the larger textbooks. -Illustrations and images. Illustrations are simple black-and-white drawings, which are much more effective than some texts that borrow illustrations, which are often way too busy (poor illustrations of the relevant anatomy). The images range in quality from OK to excellent, but shows normal first and pathology second for comparison. The images are liberally labelled with arrows denoting pathology and normal anatomic structures, which is a mark of an excellent text. I detest texts who present images without pointing out the findings. It's lazy, unhelpful, and sometimes you can't figure out just what the abnormality is! Tree-in-bud? Crazy paving? Pencil-in-cup? Radiology is filled with signs and descriptions, some of which are ridiculously or poorly named. Unfortunately you're stuck learning them, and nothing is more infuriating than reading through a topic like arthritis with unmarked images showing subtle findings like "erosions" without clearly illustrated images. This book is worth the asking price. MSK MRI is a rotation most residents don't receive until their 3rd/4th year, and it's the quickest way to hit the ground running.

This is my absolute favorite MSK MRI book. Apparently I'm not the only one. Mine was stolen from the reading room. Fortunately I found an old one on for a good price. I keep it at home now! The book is short and concise. Certainly everything a general radiologist (and most MSK ones) needs.

Already had this book, needed a second one.

I regard this as the best single text in radiology, and it's one of two that I use on a daily basis. I only bought it because someone stole my last one. The writing is superb. The index is very useful and the pictures tell me nearly everything I need to know - starting with basic anatomy.

This is a very good text especially for the cost. True to the authors intentions, the text presents practical aspects of interpreting musculoskeletal magnetic resonance studies. The text is perfectly suited to radiology residents, fellows and radiologists interpreting routine mri's. Essential technical information including suggestions for protocols are provided as well as an organized approach to interpretation. I liked the sequence of normal descriptions immediately followed by associated pathology. There were sufficient images of excellent quality. Illustrations and diagrams are well thought out and "boxes" with core information are also present for those of us who just want the essential list! Definitely an easily read text. One should realize that this, however, is not a reference text! A musculoskeletal radiologist or individual with special interest in this area will likely find this too superficial. But the authors intentions are not to replace Resnick or Stoller's excellent reference texts. Bottom line is I definitely recommend it for the price because it fills the gap between an intro book and the heavy duty texts just as it intends to...it is the missing link.

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