

## *Book Review*

### **Neuroblastoma, 2000**

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This multi-author book was edited by some of the most prominent authorities in the diagnosis and management of neuroblastoma, and was headed by Dr. Brodeur of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, USA. This is a comprehensive book covering the entire gamut of issues in neuroblastoma, encompassing embryology, genetics, screening, pathology, clinical factors, radiology, chemotherapy, radiation therapy and surgery, as they relate to the management of patients with neuroblastoma. The book is divided into 48 chapters, each contributed by one or more established authorities in the field. A major part of the book is devoted to recent advances in our understanding of the genetic abnormalities in neuroblastoma, a subject that has undergone such a rapid explosion of new knowledge that it is hard to keep up with these developments. I especially appreciated the chapters on histology of the neuroblastoma group, which were based on the recommendations of the International Neuroblastoma Pathology Committee. The chapters on the various aspects of treatment of neuroblastoma are also very up-to-date. Overall, it was a pleasure to read this book which is without doubt the most comprehensive book on the subject of neuroblastoma. The illustrations and references are current, and the printing and binding are appropriate. This book is essential reading for all professionals who deal with neuroblastoma in any way, particularly pathologists and oncologists. The price of US\$196.50 is also quite reasonable for a book of this quality.

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### **Mastery of Endoscopic and Laparoscopic Surgery**

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