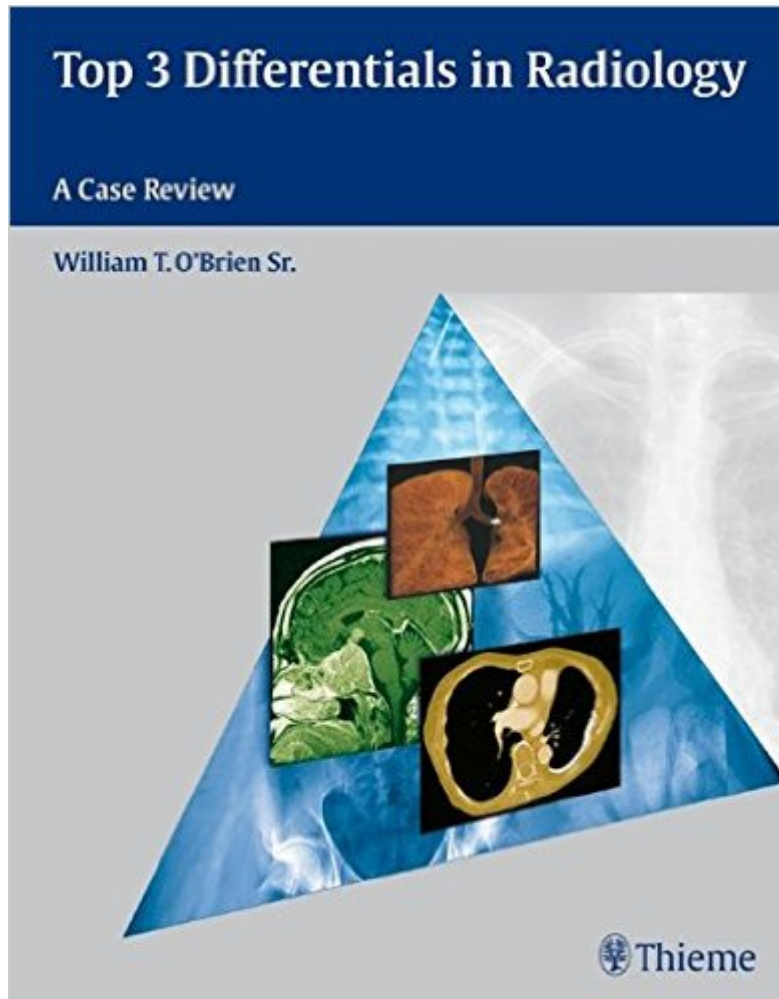


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# Top 3 Differentials In Radiology: A Case Review



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This book ranks as one of the best radiology board review books - if not the best. Each case provides a rank-ordered list of differentials, which is huge for board prep. The discussion sections are extremely high yield, covering all differentials. Image quality is among the best I have seen in a radiology textbook (especially case review books). I highly recommend this book for anyone in residency, preparing for boards, or CAQ examinations.

Having taken the oral boards in 2008 I have to say it's almost unfair for future boards takers that this book now exists! After taking the boards, I contemplated writing a set of review books that would describe the most common imaging differentials. I didn't get too far in my quest and I'm glad I didn't because this is much better than the books I had imagined writing. You could probably pass the oral boards if you know all of what's in this book cold. So for that, this book does exactly what it intends,

which is to give you a clear pathway to the top 3 diagnoses for many common imaging gamuts. Further reading is necessary to flesh out knowledge of the pathologies listed in the differentials and learn management and subtleties that aren't covered (or attempted to be covered) in this book. But for oral boards this book really can't be beat. If studying for boards is like climbing a 8000m mountain, this book starts you at the 5000m base camp.

The title of this review says everything, I really mean it. I've purchased almost every single book intended for board exams preparation, including Case Review Series, Teaching Files and Aunt Minnie's Atlas. I'm confident to say that this book surpasses all the above (though they all are pretty good too). The idea behind the book is great: in our day-to-day work, we don't have only one answer for each problem, all we have are findings and the most probable diagnosis behind them. That's the truly innovating idea behind this book. To say that it serves only for board review would be unfair as it provides an excellent source of knowledge for starters and experienced radiologists seeking for a memory refresh as well. The only downside: the book isn't hardcover, making it less durable.

"Top 3" is the must have board review book for radiology residents. This comprehensive diagnostic radiology review manual is destined to be a classic. There are hundreds of outstanding radiology images and very brief, high yield text, which makes for highly efficient learning for you as a resident in training as well as specifically for your radiology board review. The unique format of this book is a cut above the clutter often present in the Case Series. Start using this comprehensive book early in residency, and you will always have the appropriate differentials!

This is absolutely a brilliantly composed case book. The strengths of this book lie in below features. 1) "Key image finding" written on top of the answer page is a brilliant idea. This is because this forces you to organize this newly gained knowledge by thinking "ok the 3 differential dxs for 'bilateral hilar lymphadenopathy' is xyz". The key image finding's 1-4 word phrase summarizes the finding for you. Even other Radcases do not do this and I think this is a VERY helpful feature. 2) Most of the times the 3 ddxs are valid and ones you should know. Many times text books list a laundry list of ddx which you'll never see or dare put in your report in fear of being laughed at since you really never should have too many ddx on your impression and also because some ddx are way too rare. But this book really hones down on the top 3. Descriptions/explanations about each of 3 ddx are very good as well. 3) The "Pearl" section really summarizes what key things you should

learn about the cases. Now, the caution and how this book can improve. 1) Caution: This book only has 25 cases in each section (ie chest, GI, peds, neuro, etc...). This means this book lists what you MUST know. But, by no means is this your final source of review. 2) Unlike most other Radcase series books, this book has the answer sheet where you can see it-facing the image page. This is not really a big deal. But, it'd just be better if you had to flip the pages for the answers. 3) Because the answer page doesn't have images from the image page, there are no arrows to point to the findings. When you are learning, things should be pointed out rather than leaving the reader guessing what findings are. Many times findings are obvious. But, many times they are not. As a newbie it's not so easy to sort them out.

Nice price for quality images and a quick reference for radiology residents. Images quality is great. Overall good bang for the buck considering you pay 30-45 dollars for one case review book.

All radiologists preparing for FRCR 2b should have this book. It is a good start to get a reasonable DD. It is also good in daily practice to put it on ur reporting table.

This book is hands-down THE BEST review book I have read, including the case reviews. Just about every major topic in radiology is covered, making it ideal for oral boards. I also refer to it frequently while reading out cases or putting together conferences. In my opinion, this is the most useful and practical radiology text I have come across. I strongly recommend it to anyone in radiology, residents and staff alike.

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