BOOK REVIEW

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**Clinical Orthopaedic Diagnosis, Second Edition, S. Pandey,
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This book was first published in 1995 and was very well received. It has now been published in a slightly enlarged second edition. Chapters on joints, ulcers of the leg and syndromes related to orthopaedics and traumatology have been added and bring this heavily illustrated book to 23 chapters and 3 appendices on 500 well-written pages.

The book spans the total spectrum of orthopaedics from childhood to adulthood. It also covers areas of interest for the orthopaedic surgeon in related specialties. The purpose of this contribution is to help the reader to pick the correct diagnosis. Therefore, it is full of good quality photographic illustrations mostly in black and white, but the reader can also be guided by charts giving a step-by-step interpretation of clinical findings, as well as by line drawings simplifying the text. Chapters on the examination of a paralytic patient and how to read an X-ray plate add to the value of the book.

For the Western reader the most impressive aspect of this systematic book is the numerous photographs of rare syndromes and special diseases that are seldom or never seen in a north European community. The book truly covers the title *Clinical Orthopaedic Diagnosis* and therefore only occasionally gives information on preferred principles of treatment. These must be sought elsewhere. However, clinical details on such diseases as tuberculosis and poliomyelitis are covered extensively.

The book is most extraordinary and the only detail that one might wish to see in the next edition is a more specific index to help the reader to find the relevant information. The authors are to be congratulated and no doubt this book will find its way into many an orthopaedist's library – if it is not already there.

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