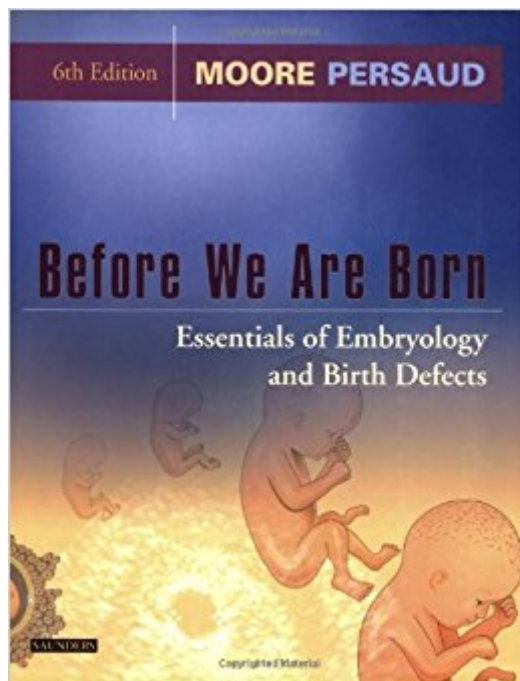


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For anyone that has taken an embryology class, you know how challenging it can be at times to conceptualize embryonic and fetal periods and learn all those atypical words that change from week to week. This book does a very poor job illustrating the changes taking place in the embryo and fetus. The illustrations are very poor quality and the organization of events from one week to another is very poor. It jumps front and back with events instead of keeping chronological order to make learning more logical, fun and easy. I bought the book as a required text for my Embryo class, but found myself continuously going to the web to look for videos or other resources that could further expand my understanding of what's happening. Even more so during the embryonic period. You can pass a class with it, but it will be horrible :-D. I gave it 3 stars because at the end, it has the info there, just the delivery of the info could be vastly improved. Enjoy!

I gave it to my friend and he is happy perfect book

Great pictures! Will use as a supplement in med school.

UAMS listed "Langman's Medical Embryology" as our required embryo book. I hate Langman with a passion, as you can tell in my review of it. It is poorly written, contains less than useful 2-D figures making it difficult to visualize morphologic changes, and contains at least two errors in every single chapter (and I'm not talking about minutia; it's errors big enough that our lecturers have to mention them in class). So, I began searching for an alternate embryology book that covered the material in about the same depth as Langman. This is it. This book is concisely and CLEARLY written. It also contains more figures, and these figures have a 3-D feel to them that make embryology much more understandable. Also, it appears to have vastly fewer errors. If your medical school requires Langman, by all means get Langman. Many of my classmates find the book an enjoyable read, and this book isn't a Langman clone, so the information each book contains is slightly different. The author (Moore) is also the author of "Clinically Oriented Anatomy (5th Edition)", and he correlates embryologic structure to adult anatomy more than Langman, which I

enjoy. But if you have Langman, hate it, and need a supplement, this delivers in spades.

This book had the BEST pictures. In fact, just this year our veterinary school switched the required text from Langman's Medical Embryology (a very human-centered book) to Before We Are Born. I think the best way to learn about how the embryo develops is to actually see things happening...a professor can say "then the dermatomes extend out from the somites..." but it really doesn't mean much unless you can SEE it. Before We Are Born really does this well, taking a step-by-step approach to learning the processes of developmental biology. The illustrations are clear, and they try to make them as 3-D looking as possible. If you're taking a developmental biology or embryology course, you NEED this book!

Incredibly dense and difficult to read. I'd say go with another embryology book unless you are absolutely required to get this one for your specific courses.

Bought this item for medical school embryology. The focus is on what goes wrong more than normal development so prepare yourself for many photos of children with disturbing birth defects.

Otherwise ok.

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