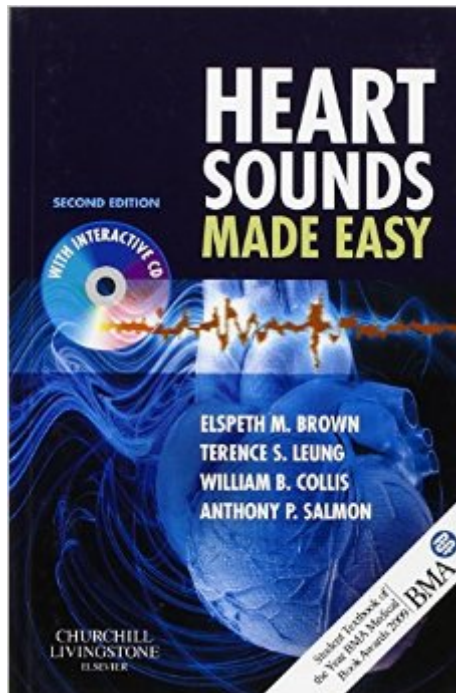


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Heart Sounds Made Easy With CD-ROM, 2e



Synopsis

Awarded The British Medical Association Student Textbook Award 2009, this short and accessible book comes with an interactive CD of heart sounds recorded from actual patients using the latest digital audio technology. Cardiac auscultation is one of the most difficult clinical skills to acquire and competence in this area is extremely variable. With the CD the user can listen to a recording and either eliminate or enhance the different components until they are confident that they have correctly identified the sounds in all phases of the cardiac cycle. This Second Edition uses the latest software and includes new features, such as the ability to slow the heart sounds down without altering their pitch. The layout of the CD has been improved to make it quicker to access. New questions and answers in both the book and the CD allow readers to monitor their knowledge and progress. The visual representation of the cardiac cycle also helps readers understand the origin of the heart sounds. This CD is suitable for use in all PC/Macs which have a tray-loading CD-ROM drive. It is not compatible with slot-loading CD-ROM drives. The book provides a simple guide to cardiac auscultation along with useful teaching points and summaries. The interactive CD recordings allow the various components of each heart sound to be eliminated and restored to aid understanding. Using this package of book and CD the reader can gain a full understanding of cardiac auscultation in minutes that can take years to learn in clinical practice. This CD is suitable for use in all PC/Macs which have a tray-loading CD-ROM drive. It is not compatible with slot-loading CD-ROM drives. Expanded content with additional information on the principles of cardiac auscultation in the context of the overall cardiac examination. Now presented in colour with additional imaging and colour diagrams to aid interpretation. The CD has been completely redesigned using the latest software. Recordings of heart sounds can now be slowed down without altering their pitch. Includes new questions and answers to test knowledge.

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Customer Reviews

This is a great book and MINI-cd combination for brushing up on heart assessments. As Dr. Sanders (*Every Patient Tells a Story: Medical Mysteries and the Art of Diagnosis*) points out, recent primary care practitioners have tended to rely more heavily on diagnostic tests, such as the echocardiogram, than on their own assessment skills. The problem with that approach is it results in misdiagnoses. One example she gives is that of a middle age woman who is diagnosed with asthma, when in fact the rheumatic fever she had as a child resulted in progressive valve deterioration. If the primary care practitioner had appreciated the murmur, her illness would have been correctly diagnosed months before the patient was hospitalized. Dr. Sanders reports that studies show that practitioners who listen over and over to heart sounds learn to differentiate normal from pathologic sounds, and make the correct diagnosis. This product allows you to do just that. Better, it allows you to fiddle with the volumes of different parts of the heart rhythm when listening to the sounds, helping you to appreciate their subtleties and timing. The book also includes information about the 12-lead EKG, echocardiogram, and chest x-ray results which go along with the auscultation findings for different pathologies. My only caveat, and the reason this gets 4 stars rather than 5, is the MINI as opposed to the full-sized CD. I advise you to make sure you have, or a friend has, a computer with a "front-tray" drive before you get it. I used such a computer to burn a full-sized copy so I could execute the software and listen to the heart sounds on a mac with only a slot DVD/CD drive. One last thing-- the files on this are MP3 files, so you cannot just slide a copy of the CD into your car's CD player, unless it plays MP3s. I'm not sure how helpful that would be without the included software, anyway, since you need other information to identify the murmurs.

Great book for learning to distinguish between heart murmurs. It is very easy to comprehend and concise in its descriptions and definitions. It is a great book for learning more than just the basics of heart murmurs.

This is a good book but it is advertised to work with macs and it doesn't. I bought a tray loading cd

device just to use the cd and it still didn't work on my mac. I can open the folder but the so-called 'mac start' icon is non-existent. Have asked multiple people to see if they could figure it out. The heart sounds can be played as MP3 files at best. These are incredibly soft even with decent headphones. Very disappointing.

This book was really helpful for heart sounds...especially the CD that came with it. The tutorials really help you understand it and not just memorize the sound! Must have book for heart sounds!

Great Review and well presented!!

You will probably get the book without the CD. It's a tiny book, so without the heart sounds program, the book becomes extremely pricey and not worth it.

Great book on heart murmurs. Quick shipping. Has a DVD with it that makes it the best murmur book to own.

Ok, I haven't read it or listened to the CD yet. But since this one came with a "CD" I thought it would be perfect to pop into the car CD player and listen while commuting. WRONG. This comes with a mini CD that is not compatible with front load CD players. I would not have bought this if I had known because now I will have to compete with family time to listen to this on home computer. My time is at a high premium so this will probably just collect dust.

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