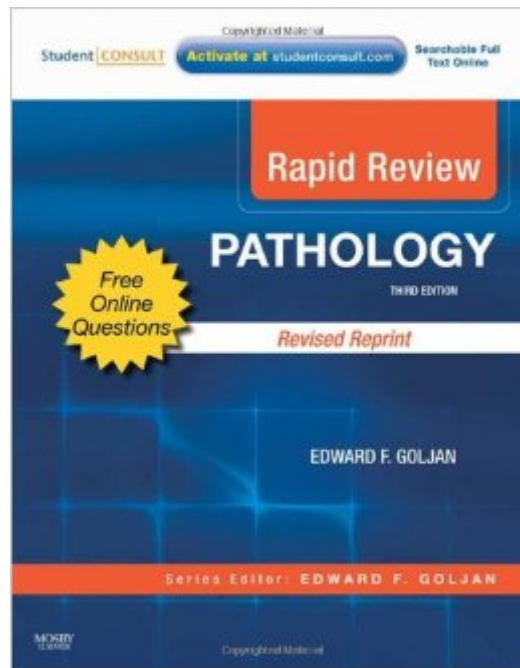


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Customer Reviews

Personally, I have found Goljan's review texts much easier to read than BRS. I actually stay engaged while reading it. If you listen to his audio lectures you can tell he is very passionate and involved in teaching pathology, and this comes across in Rapid Review. This text in many ways

follows the same information as First Aid, but with more wordage. If you study this text early, and then First Aid before Step 1, you will find that you already know a good chunk of First Aid. Because Rapid Review goes into more detail, it is a good text to start early. I do not recommend this book if you feel you are short of time in studying for Step 1 since it is more verbose. Sometimes Rapid Review seems like it is also preparing you for Step 2. It is all useful information but it is important to realize this isn't the best high-yield cram right before Step 1 resource out there. Honestly my only criticism is that this is not comprehensive enough. You will need First Aid on top of this. Even for Pathology, there are a few First Aid facts not in here. Nonetheless, after reading this cover to cover, reading First Aid, and doing USMLE World qbank I went from 220 to 260 over 3 months, and I definitely feel that Rapid Review is part of that response. It is a good book. Again, read this book early in your studying.

Pros: Detailed
Cons: Not very engaging
I am a huge fan of the illicit Goljan audio. I think what makes the audio so great is that Dr. Goljan is an engaging lecturer who peppers his talks with anecdotes and makes the content interesting. I bought this book hoping that it would provide a format that allowed for very high yield learning that could hold my attention. I found though, that each section is very dense and hard to read in the outline format. I now mostly just read first aid, listen to the audio, and leave this book at home. I would not recommend this book for someone looking only for high yield facts, or for those who need a more narrative style of writing.

I know that there are many competitors these days with RR but if the way you learn is by truly understanding the mechanisms and theory then this is your book (you know you are because once you learn something because it is taught well, you will understand it and won't easily forget it). If you are more the associations/mnemonics quick-fix with multiple repetition + doing tons of qbanks type of learner then you might have more success elsewhere.

Everybody focuses on First Aid as the best resource for Step 1. I am not going to argue that you shouldn't read First Aid. However, First Aid does very little to help you understand the topics. When it comes to test day, your understanding of the topics is really what is being tested, as you don't have time to go through every mnemonic and to rack your memory on each question. It comes down to a gut impulse for many questions. Goljan's book helps you acquire that understanding so that your gut impulse is right most of the time. I recommend reading this book once throughout 1st/2nd year, and then once again in the week or so before your test. It is an essential part of

studying for the Step 1 exam.

if you have the time to read this book, then you're golden for step 1 & step 2. it's very clinically oriented, and gives a comprehensive review for almost every subject (Immuno, genetics, Micro, etc) I like the tables they're neatly written and gives a nice quick review. The notes on the margin are useful tool as well. However according to Goljan (Papi) the 4th edition is on the way so if you have time wait for that. again if you have the time to read it that's great, but if you're rushing to take the step 1 then other sources would be enough to cover the pathology section

Much more than it seems. Don't let the outline format fool you. This concise volume goes into more detail than you might think, and will actually answer your Qs on WHY things happen! Goljan is also great at organizing the material in a way that's easy to conceptualize, and therefore retain. The heme chapter is a great example of this. With other books, sure, the same details might be there... but you will have to dig for them, and in the process, most likely lose track of what's important and what's not so important. Goljan does the work for you, and helps you "memorize" the material by giving you the understanding so that you will rely less on rote memorization ;) I can't say enough about this book. If you truly master it, you will understand far more than what a typical MSII curriculum will teach you!

I used this book during my pathology class and also for my Step 1 preparation. I prefer this book over pathomas even though pathomas is awesome (because Goljan not only goes over pathology, but he also goes into micro and sometimes pharm). Some people say that this book has a lot of information, but hey, you never know what questions you will get during the Step, so it is better to be ready. If you could use pathomas and this book, do it!

Buy this early and use it well. Goljan is the master of Step I prep. If you have access to the bootleg audio, this is a wonderful complement as his presentation order bears much similarity. (That shouldn't be too surprising.) Goljan also uses some of the best mechanism illustrations from his Rapid Review Biochem book which is a great companion book to own. (Note that the excerpts are from a previous version so you should buy that one if you want the figure references to match up.) Goljan has brilliantly tapped into his underground popularity with this book, which catapulted him into medical student stardom internationally. My only complaint is that Goljan uses many pictures from Robbins. I'd like to see other examples rather than rehashes that I'm already

familiar with. I'm sure this has to do in part with the common publisher.

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