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In my opinion, the profession needs this book and the authors should be congratulated for filling that need so brilliantly and thoroughly. (...) The final chapter on differential diagnosis is worth its weight in gold, which can also be said of the four appendices. This book is a must. - **Graham Duncanson, Veterinary Times, April 2009**

The most exciting feature of this book is the excellent coloured photographs and drawings to help the reader, whether clinician or student, relate to the condition and assist with diagnosis. As a handbook for a general clinician, new graduate or for a student, it would be considered exceptionally useful. At a farmer or stockman level it would be invaluable to help recognise problems. The authors are experienced clinical teachers at the Veterinary School in Cambridge and this helps greatly towards the presentation and structure of the text and supporting photographs. Overall, I think this will prove a very useful addition to the veterinary literature on pig medicine, filling the gap between Pig Diseases and Diseases of Swine. - **David Burch, The Pig Veterinary Journal, February 2008**

Even though this book is almost 300 pages long, the text is well broken down into easily navigable short sections each of which carries a suitable sub heading. For example, when a specific disease is discussed it has sections on diagnosis, treatment, differential diagnosis and control. Add to this over 250 good quality colour pictures and you have a great book on pig medicine that is suitable either for the veterinary student or the more progressive pig farmer. After considering the investigation of problems on the farm and population medicine the book proceeds to work through the systems of the body and the conditions they can be afflicted by. It then considers obstetrics and reproduction, polysystemic diseases and outdoor and pet pigs before focusing on medication, surgical procedures, post mortem examinations and blood testing. One notable omission was that of International Pig Topics from the list of recommended journals! This aside one can only recommend this book as essential reading and a 'must buy' for anyone who has a serious involvement in modern pig production. - **reviewed by Nigel Horrox, December 2007 issue of International Pig Topics**

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