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A VALUABLE GUIDE

Pathology - Medical Student; Pearls of Wisdom USMLE Part 1 Board Review, 1st Edition by Cory A Roberts. Softcover, 8.5" x 11".
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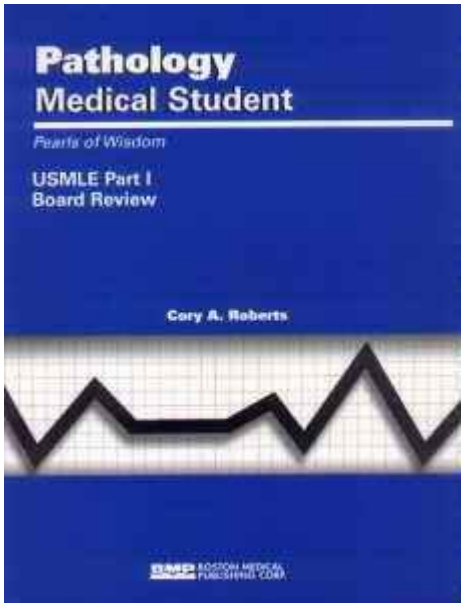

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No doubt, a first edition of any book definitely invites critical evaluation, but this book, should prove to be a valuable guide for not only MLE aspirants, but students otherwise sailing the boat of a vast and important subject like pathology in the sea of medicine.

Surely the future editions would add more 'shine' to the pearls of wisdom and stand the test of time to gain popularity and due respect to the effort of the author that goes behind this preparatory tool.

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