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[Excerpts (from Vol 2)] [Interview with Michael Tsokos]

Review of Forensic Pathology Reviews (vol 1) appearing in Vol 5, no 2 (Jul-Dec 2004) of this journal

Forensic Pathology Reviews, Vol. 2, *Edited by* Michael Tsokos. Hard Bound, 6" x 9". Humana Press Inc., 999 Riverview Drive, Suite 208, Totowa, New Jersey 07512; Publication Date 9 December, 2005. xvi + 311 pages, ISBN 1-58829-415-3. Price $99.50

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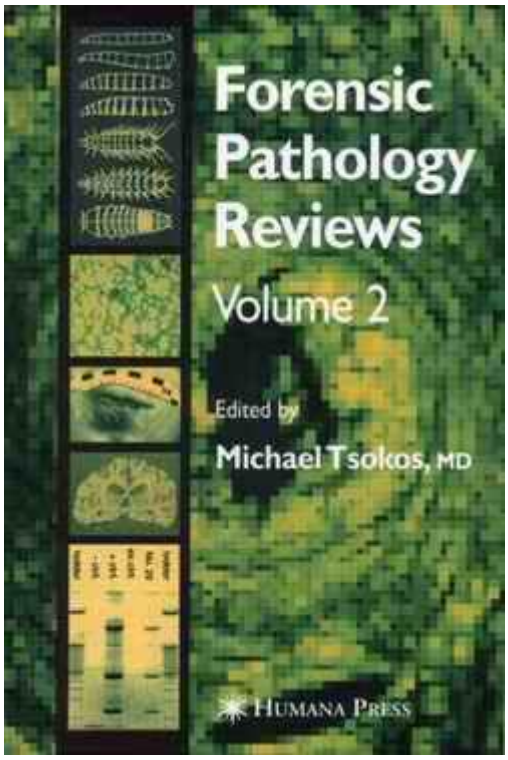

We keep receiving books for review from various publishers. However some books are of such paramount importance that we at the journal office thought one review may not be able to do justice to that book. One opinion may be slanted, perhaps by the individual tastes and preferences of the reviewer. Reviewers from different continents, nations, even different parts of the same nation may perceive a book differently. Why not send books to two or more different reviewers and get their opinion. We requested several publishers to do that and they obliged.

From Volume 3, Number 1, January - June 2002, we started reviews of certains books of paramount importance as "featured books". The first book to be featured on our journal was Ecotoxicology: The Study of Pollutants in Ecosystems by F. Moriarty (Published by Academic Press). Review of that book, as well as the combined index of reviews of all featured books can be accessed by clicking here. We have so far featured twenty books including the current one. The response of the readers has been overwhelming. They seem to have liked this new genre, and they want more reviews in this format.

In our Volume 5, no 2 (July - December 2005) issue, we featured the excellent Forensic Pathology Reviews, Vol. 1. This featured review was read by millions of readers all over the world.

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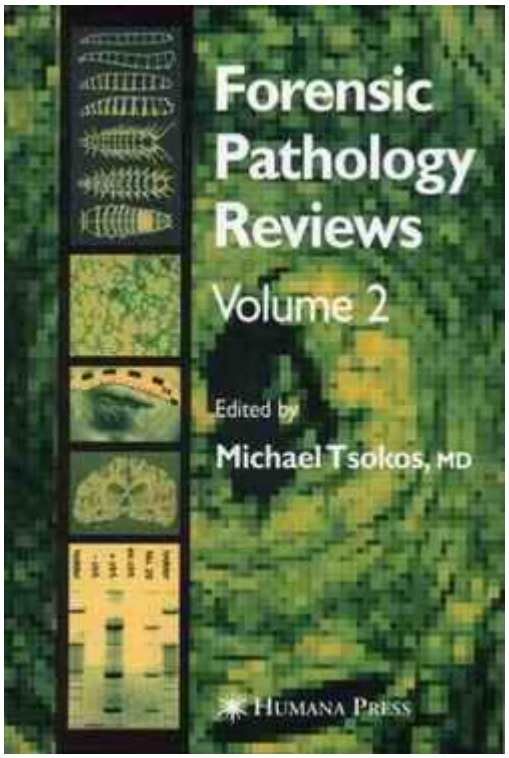
When volume 2 of the same series appeared, we were flooded with requests from our readers to do the same for this new volume too. Complying with the wishes of our millions of readers, this time we sent Forensic Pathology Reviews, Vol. 2 edited by Michael Tsokos (Published by Humana Press) to three well-known experts across the globe. This is the first Humana Book we are featuring in this issue (vol 6, no 2), and 20th book overall. Out of these 20 books, ten have been Humana Books, and five WHO books.

Forensic Pathology is a very complex, albeit fascinating subject. When the book came to us, our primary job was to find three leading experts on Forensic Pathology. The board of editors looked around and chose leading experts from three different continents - Europe, Asia and North America. The experts chosen were Erik Edston of Sweden (Europe), V.V.Pillay of India (Asia) and Ronald Wright

of USA (North America). The book was sent to them and all experts were requested to evaluate the book independently.

The reviewers were not only requested to send us detailed reviews, but were asked to rate this book on a scale of ten. The following rating scale was provided to the reviewers.

Some major highlights of Forensic Pathology Reviews, Vol. 2 at a glance:



A Bird's eye view

& Medicolegal aspects of child death by starvation.
& Primary cerebral neoplasms as a cause of sudden death.
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& Forensic interpretation of obesity and long term use of anabolic-androgenic-steroids.
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1: Of minimal interest
2: Of little interest
3: Of some interest
4: Slightly below average
5: Average

6: Slightly above average
7: Good
8: Very Good
9: Excellent
10: Truly Outstanding

Here are all the three reviews - with ratings. As you can see, all three reviewers returned a rating of perfect 10! We are not only providing the reviews we commissioned but several other interesting links related to this book, including an exclusive interview with Michael Tsokos.

Review 1 by Erik Edston, Sweden

Review 2 by V.V.Pillay, India

Review 3 by Ronald Wright, USA

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Some Excerpts from this book

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Other reviews of this book:

1. Review by Richard Jones : the linked page (books 3) to access. This page includes reviews of Vol 3 and Vol 4 as well.
2. Review by E-books Library : the linked page (656) to access.
3. Review appearing in *International Journal of Legal Medicine*, Volume 119, Number 4/July, 2005, Page 249 (review by B. Karger): the linked page (?target=fulltext.pdf) to access.
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