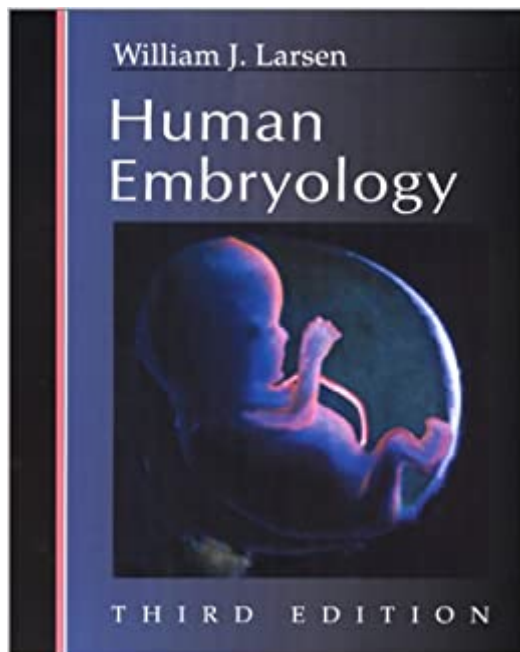


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This basic textbook of human embryology covers both clinical and molecular biological aspects of human development. It offers in-depth, thorough coverage of the latest information, including separate sections in each chapter on clinical relevance and experimental studies. HUMAN EMBRYOLOGY also features a first-rate, four-color art program with superb photographs and electronmicrographs. Spanish version also available, ISBN: 84-8174-655-X

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"A magnificent book that will help make a difficult subject accessible to all interested students."

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By William J. Larsen, PhD, Professor, Department of Cell Biology, Neurology & Anatomy, Faculty Member, Developmental Biology Graduate Program, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, Cincinnati, OH

Human embryology from J. Larsen is the perfect book for the study of human embryology. I bought it because I have an embryology course at my school and the professor highly recommended it. It is really easy to understand and it has explicit pictures about the subject. I'm really happy with my purchase. Thank you!

Great book, amazing photos of the developmental process and what can go wrong with that process. Anyone interested in embryology will love this book.

Book looked as if it had never been touched! Super pleased!

I was supposed to purchase the 2001 version but by mistake i purchased the second hand version which was in 1997. I am not sure how the latest version is but i WARN u, DO NOT BUY THE OLD VERSION!!! i am literally researching each and every paragraph. I don't understand JACK!! There are hardly any pictures leaving ur mind to wonder away. it took me 2 days to figure out the first page. a very demotivating book i must say!! strongly suggest you go to ur library/book store to check the latest version out first before u buy it. Very disappointing book. made me doubt my career choice in medicine for a second. dont buy the old version. not sure wat the new version is like and i wont even bother!!

Although the text is dense, this book has the best graphics of the various embryo books I've used. The timeline for each system (heart, nervous, etc.) is extremely useful in trying to understand what happens when (one of the most confusing aspects of embryo for the beginner). I kept going back to this book when reviewing for Step 1, if I needed a quick answer or a good visual. I'd recommend using the free tutorials/animations available on the Indiana University website to supplement this textbook.

I am research scientist (in neurobiology) and have used this textbook during a first-year medical school gross anatomy/embryology course and found it to be an extremely helpful companion to the instructor's lectures. I would highly recommend it to any instructor, medical student or resident, graduate student, or even to undergraduate Biology majors, although this book would probably be too advanced and technical for anyone else. I still have it on my bookshelf and it continues to be a handy reference for looking up answers to questions that come up. So, WHY do I like this book so much? Embryology can be a challenging subject because it involves learning not only about 3-dimensional aspects of anatomy etc but changes in those 3-D features over time. The most valuable feature of this textbook -- for me at least -- is the great number and quality of color illustrations along with lots of photo images from a variety of imaging technologies (scans, microscopic, etc). There is a limit to what authors can describe in words alone and this book proves the saying that a picture is worth a thousand words. The writing is generally clear and concise, if a

little dense at times due to the authors' strict adherence to a medical style of writing as well as medical terminology. Another helpful feature is the use of timelines in multiple parts of the book (intro, appendix, within chapters). Overall, the organization is pretty good: after the earliest milestones of development are covered, the chapters are then organized by organ or functional system, which means that successive chapters are often not in chronological order. Instead, adjacent chapters often discuss events that happen at different weeks, overlapping weeks, or sometimes during the same time-window. To some readers, this might seem like an odd way to organize things, but trust me it would be much more bewildering -- and practically impossible -- to do a chronological format and cover every system in each chapter, for instance in a chapter on "the 5th month", "6th month", etc. Brief mention of a few other features: 1) lots of "box" format descriptions of clinical disorders of embryological development at various stages (e.g. spina bifida), 2) includes some material on genetic and molecular biological aspects of development, 3) describes techniques used by researchers studying human and animal embryology. Cautionary note: this text deliberately does NOT emphasize any particular organ/functional system, since it's aimed mainly toward medical students. If, for example, you're looking for in-depth coverage of the developmental biology of the brain/nervous system, you'll need to find a more specialized book. Also, for readers who prefer verbal/text presentation and don't find visuals all that helpful, I'd refer them to a different book that I've used and also shows up in a search for "embryology" titles at .com -- "Langman's Human Embryology" by Thomas Sadler.

This textbook is a well-written, easy to understand textbook for embryology that provides the surgery resident a quick, comprehensive way to review concepts necessary to understand pediatric general and cardiothoracic surgeon. This textbook is one I used during medical school but continue to come back to again and again to refresh my knowledge during my surgery residency. I highly recommend this text to medical students because it is one you will continue to use year after year.

It's a good book and the content is clearly presented. At the beginning, there is an introductory part that summarizes the content of each chapter and helps the reader understanding. The pictures are very helpful and understanding them is an important step for the best knowledge of the embryonic development. It's also important to know the molecular bases of the changes in the embryonic period, which is explained in some texts at the end of the chapters.

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