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The first edition of this text was written by Raymond Escourolle and Jacques Poirier in 1971 with a second edition arriving in 1977. After Prof. Escourolle died in 1984, Prof. Françoise Gray joined Prof. Poirier in editing the third edition. For the present edition, Prof. Umberto De Girolami has joined Profs. Gray and Poirier as editors and they have recruited a total of 34 authors and co-authors for the 15 chapters. The stated objective is to provide a basic text for students of neuroscience with the understanding that students preparing themselves for careers in neuropathology or neurology will need and desire a more in-depth presentation of neuropathology.

The text accomplishes its goals by being remarkably succinct yet avoiding terseness on one hand, while being remarkably complete and up-to-date on the other. The text is replete with excellent gross and microscopic color illustrations, good line drawings and cartoons as well as organized tables. If there are any shortcomings, it might be in the lack of or sketchy treatment of some basic concepts such as blood-brain barrier, but this is to be excused as such topics are likely not within the purview of this text. All in all, it is an excellent text for teaching, and for determining what and how to teach neuropathology. It’s a bargain!

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