There are however, some notable absences of real detail on 'core' cosmetic surgery procedures such as breast augmentation, rhinoplasty and abdominoplasty to name but a few. Although this is understandable considering that all three editors are Dermatologists and furthermore there is a dermatological bias amongst the chapter authors. Thus to name the book an 'Atlas of Cosmetic Surgery' and to claim that it is a "comprehensive and interdisciplinary textbook" in the preface is somewhat off the mark. Equally however, the chapters on the evaluation of the aging face, hair transplantation, leg vein management and scar management are a real treat and often omitted in other books of this nature.

Other criticisms of the book would include the fact that this particular speciality is advancing rapidly and some of the techniques described would be out of date by the time readers assimilate the information (but you have to start somewhere). The price could also be seen as a deterrent; however, it is a hardback printed in full colour with 479 illustrations, good paper quality and the price is also consistent with other books of this genre currently on the market.

Overall, this book provides some unique insights in particular areas of cosmetic surgery, but falls short of being a comprehensive review. Nevertheless, the inclusion of certain chapters not featured in other books of this nature makes it a worthwhile addition to the reference collection of the cosmetic surgeon or plastic surgical trainee.

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