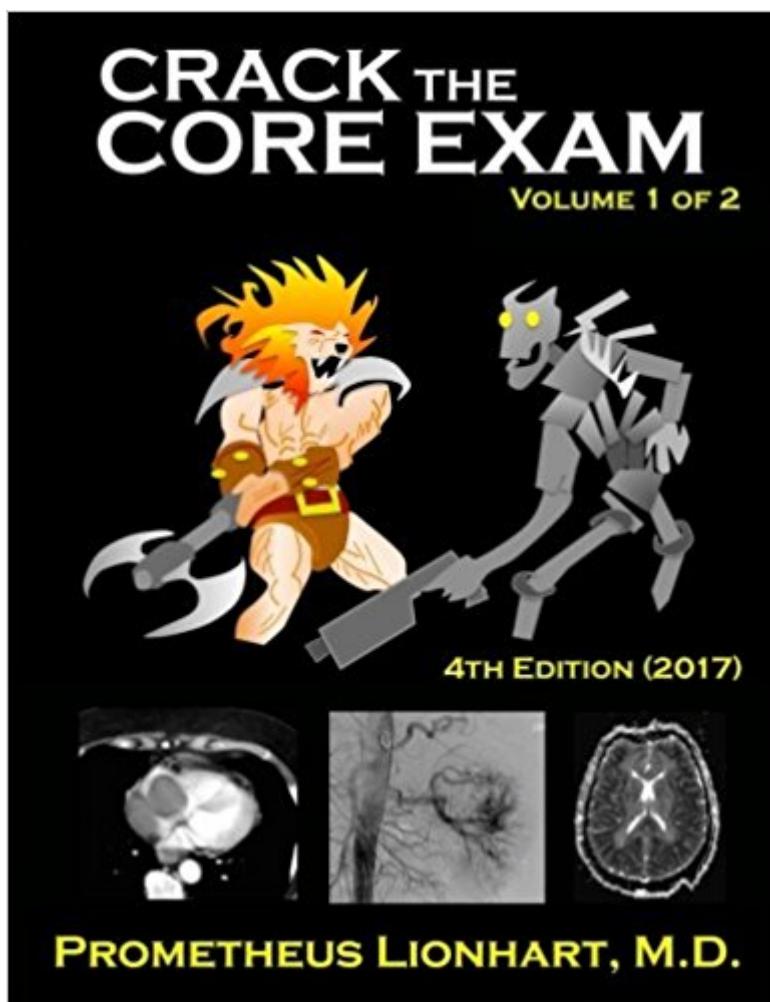


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It is well established that the original Prometheus was a champion of mankind, first creating them from clay. Prometheus soon learned that humans have needs and is most famous for his gift of fire. As humans prospered, they began to associate with one another and form societies. As their societies grew, they became increasingly complex and their laborers subdivided. One such subdivision included the professions; access to which required a multiple choice exam. Enter, Prometheus Lionhart, and his gift of knowledge. This manual on test preparation in radiology is the first of its kind, and one frantically needed as medical examination joins the digital age with the abolition of the oral boards and the corresponding well-established preparatory methods. As Aristotle was a student of Plato, who ultimately surpassed his teacher in philosophic largesse, so too shall Prometheus Lionhart, as his gift of knowledge turns to wisdom, and that wisdom to the ability to repay student loans. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This review is for the second edition. A newer edition is coming out later this summer. I found out I had passed the core exam today, so I can leave a "tried-and-true" review. I highly recommend using this book as a study guide for your core studies. This book is concise and to the point. It assumes

that you have been exposed to all the topics they are covering. If there is a topic you don't understand or have not seen before, look it up! Almost all the topics they cover are high yield. There are very few topics that are missing and very few topics where they give you too much information. It is definitely worth the money and your time.

First the good. I liked the style of this book. Easy to read vernacular and colloquialisms. It's like having a classmate explain things to you in a way that you can easily understand. And it seems to cover all of the topics that are fair game on the core. So it's definitely worth a read. The bad -- (1) it strongly relies on "buzz words", especially the "gamesmanship" chapter; I don't know if the author appreciates that the test is very different from the USMLE or "writtens" and is "image rich" and not going to ever give you a descriptive sentence full of buzz words to run with. instead they will show you the picture. So it doesn't help if you associate "punched out lytic lesion" with gout -- you need to get there from looking at a radiograph of gout. As such this book would benefit from significant addition of images. Or you need to use it in conjunction with the Internet and look up images as you read along (which makes it a much less quick read). (2) this book needs an editor, badly. Clearly the author was in a rush to get it out in time for the next offering of the core, but there's a typo or grammatical error on virtually every page. And the author apparently doesn't know the differences between the word "effect" and "affect" -- he pretty consistently uses the wrong one, which is a bit distracting. So basically this is a very nice first draft, but hopefully there will be a cleaned up, more "image rich" second edition on the horizon.

I did well on the CORE with this book as my sole/primary reference and additionally used question banks (rad primer early on and Qevlar for the last 3 months up to the CORE). As with any other study guide book, you should be prepared to google anything you don't understand well from this text and google images as you need to. I am glad I didn't invest time or money into any additional texts - this one covers what you need to know.

This is a review book. Clearly not intended to be your only resource studying for the CORE. I'm not sure why it helps me that the author calls all the silly things we need to know "trivia" or "high yield random facts", but I enjoy the style. There is a high correlation with Rad Primer questions, my other favorite study tool.

I bought this one week before the examination, but wish I had it for longer. Used in conjunction with

question banks and cases, it is a great reference to organize and consolidate your thoughts. Does a great job of explaining questions correctly. It is an excellent reference and I would recommend it to anyone studying for the core. Many typographical errors should be fixed imo - but still the best source out there.

This book (2nd edition) is as close to First Aid for the CORE exam that we have at this point in time. Get this book early! I wish I had it earlier in my third year. Yes it is skimpy on pictures and there are a few errors, but the bottomline is that it helped me PASS the core!

I am an R3 resident studying for boards. This book covers most of the high yield topics. I would have liked more pictures but that is what statdx is for. The author is pretty funny and his mnemonics are great. I would highly recommend this book for boards (along with qbanks). The upper class-men at my program swears by this book.

Amazing book.... Just Buy it and read it if you are a Radiology Resident. Radiology right to the goddam point!

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