

## 5<sup>th</sup> Year Books

[Oxford Handbook of Clinical Specialties \(Oxford Handbooks\)](#) by Judith Collier and Murray Longmore

*-Very good, but nowhere near as appreciated as the cheese & onion. A bit flowery in places but very useful to have around, especially as a review whilst revising for each of the rotations*

### Obs & Gynae

[Notes for the DRCOG](#) by Jo Anthony and Peter Kaye

*-This little book is superb, I only discovered it the evening before my exam, but you can read it through in one day and it still manages to cover the entire (rather long-winded) O&G syllabus (ie the whole of Obs & Gynae to the level of postgraduate diploma)*

[Crash Course: Obstetrics & Gynaecology \(Crash Course-UK\)](#) by Nick Panay, Ruma Dutta, Audrey Ryan, and J. A. Mark Broadbent

*-Again, excellent and unknown (not on the reading list or in any library). The first part ("The patient presents with..." is amazing). A must buy.*

[Obstetrics and Gynaecology](#) by Lawrence Impey

*-Impey works in Oxford and is a world famous obstetrician. A lot of people use this book. However the gynaecology part is not as good as the obstetrics part. However it is definitely worth having for the "purple" management section at the back alone.*

[Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology](#) by James Drife and Brian A. Magowan

*-This large book is useful to have around because of the randomness of the O&G syllabus. Available in the Cairns library, so don't buy it (unless you're really into gynae)*

### Neurology

[Crash Course: Neurology \(Crash Course-UK\)](#) by Christopher Turner and Daniel Horton-Szar

*-Absolutely essential. Should be your primary neurology book. Has 100 true/false MCQs in the back, which is the only practise you'll get for the fiendish neuro written paper (some of them actually come up!)*

[Neurological Examination Made Easy](#) by Geraint Fuller

*-Good for explaining what the myriad neurological signs are and what the differential for each is. Really good flow charts to help you arrive at diagnoses.*

[Aids to the Examination of the Peripheral Nervous System \(Neurology\)](#) by Brain

*-Very brief but useful. Get it from the Cairns*

[Essential Neurology \(Essentials\)](#) by Iain Wilkinson and Graham Lennox

*-Excellent in some areas, weak and long winded in others. Useful to have (from the Cairns, but crash course should be your first port of call)*

Donaghy's book is available to borrow from the department. It's easy to read and the bit on examination is interesting (as you would expect if you ever meet Donaghy). However it is nowhere near comprehensive enough for the exam(s) eg one line for Merniere's disease, no mention on how to test sensation etc.

## **Psychiatry**

The department lends copies of all the major textbooks (they are all written by the Oxford profs). The pick of the bunch is Lecture Notes. Don't bother with the 2 blue ones or the Oxford Core Text. Just get Lecture Notes and the "Shorter Oxford Textbook" (it's massive)

## **Paediatrics**

[Illustrated Textbook of Paediatrics](#) by Tom Lissauer and Graham Clayden

*-They rave about this in the Oxford paed department. Parts (the illustrations) are excellent. However it is longwinded and could easily be much shorter and easier to read. However, there is no real alternative. Crash Course Paeds is rubbish, as is At a Glance*

[Paediatric Clinical Examination Made Easy](#) by Denis Gill and Niall O'Brien

## **A&E, Trauma & Orthopaedics, Rheumatology**

You are lent copies of the Oxford Handbook of Emergency Medicine, a book on fractures and orthopaedics and the hilariously titled "Bailey & Love's Short Practise of Surgery" (you'll see why when you have to carry it home). Therefore the only book you need to acquire is:

[The Musculoskeletal System at a Glance](#) by Christopher Bulstrode; Catherine Swales

*-written by the people who set and examine the Oxford course, this is literally all you need to know. As a book it massively lacks details, but then again so does the exam...*