

**The Language of Fractures**, Robert J. Schultz, Williams and Wilkins, Baltimore, 333 pp, \$49.95

This is the second edition of a popular volume, long a favorite of radiology residents. Dr. Schultz presents a broad survey of fracture anatomy and nomenclature. The first chapter introduces the reader to a fracture "vocabulary," including the proper terminology to describe fracture healing and reduction. The second chapter provides more detailed information regarding fractures in specific anatomic regions. Chapter three is a review of more common fracture eponyms, truly a Michelin's guide for radiologists in the land of orthopedics. The last chapter describes several findings that can be confused with fractures; accessory bones, epiphyses, sesamoids, and other pretenders. The author provides information regarding ossification center location and maturation that will help interpret bone scans in younger patients.

While the contents have not changed from the first edition, the new volume boasts a more aesthetic layout and much improved reproduction quality. The radiographs have been reproduced darker such that some findings taken on faith in the original edition can now be seen with clarity.

This book has proven its value to radiology residents over the years. I believe it would also be useful to nuclear medicine practitioners, particularly those without training in radiology or orthopedic surgery. This is perhaps the best source available to help the imaging physician to better communicate with the fracture surgeon. The reasonable price of this book should put it within reach of residents and fellows.

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#### **Books Received**

*Textbook of Uroradiology*, N. Reed Dunnick, Ronald W. McCallum, and Carl M. Sandler, Williams and Wilkins, York, PA, 505 pp, \$125.00.