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Rating: 4\*

Written by two professors based at universities in the UK, this book is aimed at SLT students.

Each chapter in the book comes with clear learning outcomes published at the beginning of each, and there are helpful diagrams and tables throughout the book. At the end of each chapter there is a self-assessment quiz, while text boxes prompt readers to link the medical theory to practice.

The book is written in such a way that the later chapters refer back to information cited in earlier ones; the authors explain that the early chapters contain the key biological concepts needed. There is also additional downloadable material on a linked webpage, which includes a video for the chapter about the larynx.

I found this book incredibly comprehensive and could see how it would be of benefit for quite a few different university modules, depending on the specific speech and language therapy course (e.g. anatomy and physiology, audiology, dysphagia). For SLT students without a scientific background, this book may appear overwhelming and medical. However, it is well written and a useful text for students, even if it requires some navigation to pick and choose the bits you need.