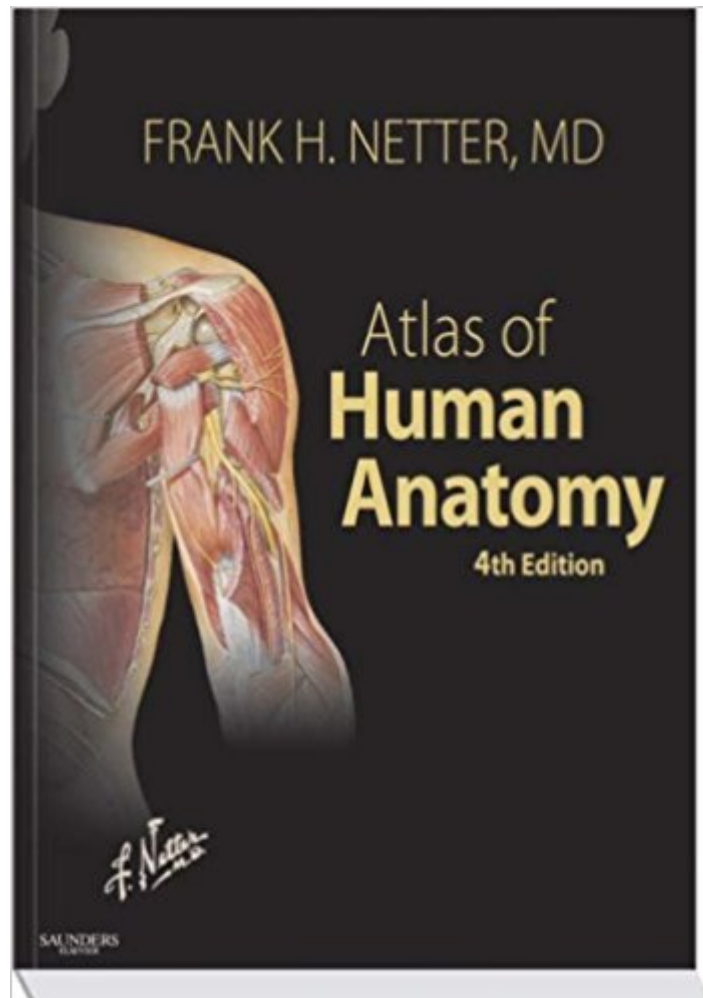


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"The care with which this volume was assembled so elegantly...is itself a stroke of genius." -Review of previous edition in Surgical Neurology

Frank H. Netter was born in New York City in 1906. He studied art at the Art Students League and the National Academy of Design before entering medical school at New York University, where he received his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1931. During his student years, Dr. Netter's notebook sketches attracted the attention of the medical faculty and other physicians, allowing him to augment his income by illustrating articles and textbooks. He continued illustrating as a sideline after establishing a surgical practice in 1933, but he ultimately opted to give up his practice in favor of a full-time commitment to art. After service in the United States Army during World War II, Dr. Netter began his long collaboration with the CIBA Pharmaceutical Company (now Novartis Pharmaceuticals). This 45-year partnership resulted in the production of the extraordinary collection of medical art so familiar to physicians and other medical professionals worldwide. Icon Learning Systems acquired the Netter Collection in July 2000 and continued to update Dr. Netter's original paintings and to add newly commissioned paintings by artists trained in the style of Dr. Netter. In 2005, Elsevier Inc. purchased the Netter Collection and all publications from Icon Learning Systems. There are now over 50 publications featuring the art of Dr. Netter available through Elsevier Inc. Dr. Netter's works are among the finest examples of the use of illustration in the teaching of medical concepts. The 13-book Netter Collection of Medical Illustrations, which includes the greater part of the more than 20,000 paintings created by Dr. Netter, became and remains one of the most famous medical works ever published. The Netter Atlas of Human Anatomy, first published in 1989, presents the anatomic paintings from the Netter Collection. Now translated into 16 languages, it is the anatomy atlas of choice among medical and health professions students the world over. The Netter illustrations are appreciated not only for their aesthetic qualities, but, more importantly, for their intellectual content. As Dr. Netter wrote in 1949 "clarification of a subject is the aim and goal of illustration. No matter how beautifully painted, how delicately and subtly rendered a subject may be, it is of little value as a medical illustration if it does not serve to make clear some medical point." Dr. Netter's planning, conception, point of view, and approach are what inform his paintings and what make them so intellectually valuable. Frank H. Netter, MD, physician and artist, died in 1991.

If you have taken gross anatomy, you likely already know that Netter is the gold-standard atlas. I couldn't imagine studying without it. If you are considering purchasing Netter for a course where it is listed as a recommended text, just do it. Netter's ability to simply present complex relationships with the perfect balance of simplicity and realism is unmatched. I will simply refer you to other much more in depth reviews if you want to read ravings about Dr. Netter's genius and artistic skill. What I feel I need to draw attention to is the extremely poor quality of the binding. This is a book that anatomy students will use daily, flipping from page to page. This is a book that will find its way into every anatomy lab in existence. And THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST POORLY BOUND BOOKS I HAVE EVER OWNED. I am not exaggerating when I say that of the more than 100 people I know how own Netter's Atlas, I cannot think of a one who does not have pages falling out. I lost my first page within 2 weeks of using it. Sections fall off the spine with regularity. The editions used in my cadaver lab, after 2 months, were nothing more than a collection of individual pages. The standard practice at my school was to take the book to our campus print center and have them spiral bind it. Should this keep you from purchasing Netter's Atlas? No. The content is unmatched. Perhaps, you should consider purchasing the hardcover edition (I can't vouch for its quality, only for the poor quality of the softcover). Or just take your paperback version and immediately have it rebound. And, if you have had similar experiences, please mark this review as helpful and send the publisher an email so that future editions are higher quality.

This review is from the perspective of a first year medical student in Gross Anatomy. I own both Atlas of Human Anatomy: With Netter anatomy.com (Netter Basic Science) and Grant's Atlas of Anatomy, and what I've found is that they really cannot be compared. They are both 5 stars if you use them properly. Grant's Atlas shines when it is in the dissection room with you. The drawings are more realistic, and more often than not muscles are reflected out of view rather than being omitted completely (Netter). While this is indeed more realistic and allows you to see more muscle relationships, it slows down studying because of the more complicated mess you see before you. Therefore, it's best used in the lab when that complicated mess is EXACTLY what you are seeing. In all fairness, there are little schematic drawings that simplify important muscle relationships. It also comes with a CD with the images from the book allows you to turn off the labels and quiz yourself. There are also about 100 USMLE style anatomy questions. Netter's atlas shines for at home study away from your cadaver. It is more high-yield than Grant's atlas and makes for easier and faster learning. Grant, because of its thoroughness and more realistic perspective, can be a little bit of a

chore to get through when cramming for a test. Netter said himself that he tried to find the balance between simplification and realism, and I personally think he did an outstanding job. I can study any of his diagrams and quickly see the most important relationships between muscles, arteries, veins, nerves, and bones. Ultimately, I would learn more using Grant's Atlas, but Netter is best when you are pushed for time. One thing I didn't like at first was that, unlike Grant's Atlas, Netter's doesn't have any text or tables. Then I found out that they were all on [...] which a pretty nice website that in my opinion give Netter's Atlas more value. So, in short, Grant's atlas and Netter's atlas are both excellent. Each can stand on its own, but they really do compliment each other a lot for being direct competitors; Grant's is the best while dissecting, and Netter's is best for studying for exams and the USMLE. EDIT: Also keep in mind cadaver atlases (Color Atlas of Anatomy: A Photographic Study of the Human Body (Color Atlas of Anatomy (Rohen)) and Atlas of Clinical Gross Anatomy) that could serve as a substitute for Grant's atlas, but not really for Netter's. I hear the Thieme Atlas of Anatomy, a three-part set, beats Netter's in "every" way, but I haven't used them.

I purchased this text to replace my worn out version as I reference it on a daily basis to help educate my patients about their diagnosis. The text is spectacular and easily depicts everything in the body with clear labeling. I did not give it 5 stars however, because the new edition I purchased, WITH the online access code, although came with stated code, the Netter website states the code is invalid. I feel my money was wasted as I could have purchased a used edition for far less and would have, had I not specifically wanted the access code. So my recommendation is to not purchase from , but instead purchase directly from the Netter's website so you will have some sort of recourse.

Great book as others have noted. However, the online access code does NOT work any more on the Student Consult website, and they want you to buy the 6th edition for that access. So - don't buy the 4th edition if you need Student Consult access.

Very complete, thorough, review of the human body. Can't be beat. Only improvement would be a different binding. This doesn't stay open and will eventually crack a little where opened. Don't get one that is very old , I would have gotten a newer version for that reason

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