

The author has created this updated and revised series because of the vast amount of new technology, instruments and materials which have been developed since his original publication. Volume I is aimed at both students and clinicians. It consists of 12 chapters and is fully illustrated in colour throughout.

Each chapter follows a logical sequence designed to gradually build up the reader's understanding. The first three chapters deal more than adequately with background information i.e. history of endodontics, embryology and scope of endodontic therapy.

Chapter 5 provides a comprehensive overview of endodontic radiography with good, clear diagrams. However, despite sections within the chapter detailing the use of rectangular collimation and beam aiming devices, many pictures are included without the presence of either.

The chapter on the use of anaesthesia in endodontics is well written and is particularly useful for the dental undergraduate i.e. text is supported with high quality explanatory pictures/diagrams.

Also included is a chapter on tooth isolation/rubber dam, with simple step-by-step instructions on how to achieve suitable isolation. Again high quality photographs accompany the text but unfortunately no patient eye protection is visible within them.

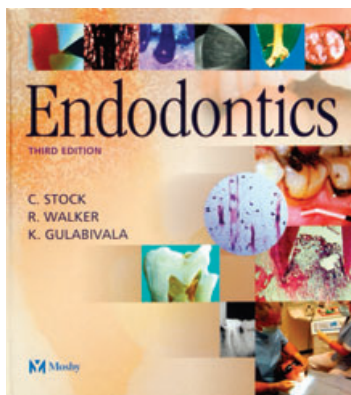
In summary this is a good book providing a sound basis in endodontics for students whilst also supplying useful, up-to-date information for clinicians e.g. role of digital radiography in endodontics, diagnosis of cracked tooth syndrome, the importance of good access cavity preparation.

However, because of the detail covered within the book it is easy to see why this is only the first in a series. As such, many may only use the series as a reference as often it is preferred to purchase a book which covers the complete subject area but in a more summarised format. This may have been anticipated by the author as a CD-ROM included within the book highlights the key features of the volume.

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Endodontics (Third Edition)

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This hardback book has 324 pages, 18 chapters and is produced in colour. Each chapter is generously illustrated with clearly labelled coloured photographs and diagrams.

The previous edition of this book was published in 1995. The principles of endodontic therapy have not changed greatly since the beginning

of the 20th century. However, research findings and collective clinical experiences have led to a re-evaluation of treatment concepts. This together with the advent of a large variety of new equipment and materials has meant the authors have felt the need to rewrite and update most of this third edition.

This book is aimed at both the undergraduate student and general dental practitioner thus chapters 1 & 2 are designed to provide a basic knowledge outlining a biological basis for endodontics. Following on from this the next 16 chapters continue in a logical fashion with a similar structure. Each starts with an introduction detailing the aim(s) of the particular chapter. The reader is also provided with a number of relevant references at the end of each section if further reading is required.

Most of the chapters follow the outline of the previous second edition but provide a much more comprehensive inclusion of the materials and equipment used today e.g. with ... rotary instruments.

Chapter 5 outlines the scope of endodontic treatment options nicely providing a number of clinical scenarios which are absent from the previous edition. The subject areas covered within the 'Surgical endodontics' chapter provide a comprehensive text for readers. There is also an excellent final chapter about reducing the risk of legal action in endodontics with a number of case studies.

In conclusion this is a good book and one of its big advantages over similar literature is its use of reader friendly language as well as a very 'hands on' approach to the subject.

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