

## Book Review — Boekresensie

# The Equine Distal Limb. An Atlas of Clinical Anatomy and Comparative Imaging (7th impression)

J-M Denoix

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Originally published in 2000, this 7th impression is testimony to the ongoing relevance of a classical reference 11 years after its original publication.

The book is authored by Jean-Marie Denoix who is well known in South Africa, having been the main speaker at an annual SAEVA congress. He is internationally recognised as a leading equine anatomist and diagnostic imager.

This book provides photographs of dissected anatomical specimens correlated to radiographs, ultrasound and MRI images of the equine foot, pastern and fetlock. This allows comparative and clear identification of each anatomical structure. No text is provided save the clear labelling of the images.

Each anatomical area is presented with an overall anatomical view (dissected specimens) and sagittal, transverse and cross-sectional images of anatomical dissections, radiographs, ultrasound and MRI images as appropriate. Together with the coloured latex injected into blood vessels and synovial cavities in the anatomical specimens, this

allows the reader to construct a clear 3-dimensional normal anatomical picture.

This book goes a long way towards achieving the stated objectives of the author in providing the clinician with the anatomical basics required to:

- Recognise abnormalities based on topography of subcutaneous structures.
- Perform regional and intrasynovial analgesia.
- Interpret diagnostic analgesia utilising nerve and synovial relationships.
- Understand soft tissue images (mostly ultrasound scans).
- Recognise landmarks for surgery and local injection or treatment.

Having owned and used this reference text since it was first published in 2000, I can recommend it to anyone who requires an in-depth anatomical knowledge of the equine distal limb. This includes students, equine clinicians and surgeons, diagnostic imaging practitioners and anatomists.

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