

A practical atlas of dermatologic surgery, third edition

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A Practical Atlas of Dermatologic Surgery was originally published in Spanish in 2011, and a second edition came out in 2014. The third edition is the first in English, and it contains 200 additional new cases not included in previous versions. I had the honor and pleasure of reviewing and correcting the English translation at Dr Redondo-Bellon's request.

The book is a robust, heavy, 2-volume text with excellent quality paper and binding. It includes 17 chapters and hundreds of step-by-step detailed reconstructions with photographs and illustrations. The chapters cover the basics of anesthesia, direct closures, flaps, grafts, and Mohs surgery; extensive topographic reconstructions of the head and neck, trunk, and extremities; and melanoma surgery. All cases are from Dr Redondo-Bellon's vast personal collection, and they successfully illustrate many common, uncommon, and unconventional designs and techniques.

As a Mohs and reconstructive surgeon with 25 years of experience, I appreciated that the text in each chapter is succinct and informative. Also, the illustrations and photographs are of top quality. In

contrast with other important books about cutaneous reconstructive surgery, Dr Redondo-Bellon's *Atlas* focuses mainly on providing the reader with visual demonstrations of the surgical techniques (the before, during, and after photos), with minimal actual instructions on how to perform the various procedures.

Although the book is directed to both novice and expert surgeons, I believe that several cases require significant technical skill, and many of the illustrations and explanations could be hard for novice surgeons to understand and follow. On the other hand, experienced surgeons will definitely learn many practical tips and alternative reconstructive options for both simple and complex defects. Most importantly, Dr Redondo-Bellon's unique approach will stimulate readers to think outside the box when dealing with surgical defects in their daily practice.

In sum, I believe that *A Practical Atlas of Dermatologic Surgery* is a great addition to our literature. It shows in detail the work of a truly masterful cutaneous surgeon. Although I do not agree with everything this accomplished surgeon did on a case-by-case basis, I found this book to be both very informative and enjoyable.

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