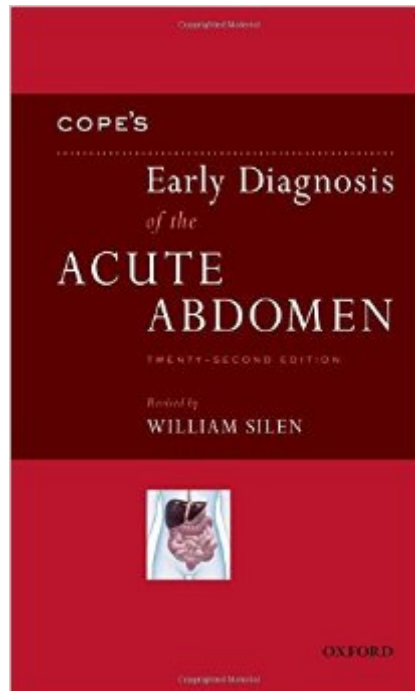


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# Cope's Early Diagnosis Of The Acute Abdomen (Silen, Early Diagnosis Of The Acute Abdomen)



## Synopsis

This classic text is much beloved by medical students and physicians-in-training throughout the English-speaking world, as its many editions indicate. It is chock full of the pearls of clinical wisdom that students and practitioners treasure, and many of these lessons apply to medicine in general. The book was well characterized by a reviewer of an earlier edition for *The New England Journal of Medicine*: 'If only one book about surgery could be made available to physicians from all specialties, it should probably be Silen's recent revision of Cope's *Early Diagnosis of the Acute Abdomen*. Since the book first appeared, it has remained the classic treatise on the initial approach to abdominal pain.' Because acute, severe abdominal pain is still a common problem whose misdiagnosis can result in quick death, each generation of beginning physicians is faced with the urgency of learning to make a diagnosis in this high-anxiety situation, and they appreciate the wise, humane, precisely detailed guidance offered by Cope and Silen. For the 22nd Edition, Dr. Silen has again updated the text in a respectful but significant way. He has added a chapter on the increasing disorder of diverticulitis, reexamines the use of analgesics, emphasizes the costs of over-testing, and updates all recommendations regarding trauma, radiologic studies, and therapeutic recommendations.

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Are you going into gen surg or ER? What about pediatrics or ob/gyn? Rural family med? Do you plan on providing healthcare to human beings? If yes to any of these questions, then you definitely

can benefit from this book. It gives a great breakdown of the various causes of abdominal pain as well as a guide to performing a thorough yet also time and cost effective differential diagnosis. This book will be of most benefit to ER and surgery physicians but anybody who deals with patients (hospitalists and rural family med especially) will likely benefit. It is not a quick reference type of book, but if you invest the time to read it and understand the concepts you will find your need for such materials vastly reduced.

Timeless medical book - with a clinical approach to evaluating the acute abdomen written by seasoned practitioners, and updated with latest diagnostics. A must read for all in primary care and emergency medicine.

As an Emergency RN, I was recommended this book by one of the physicians several years ago and have always had this in my wish list. I finally took the plunge and have not regretted it. It should make every provider realize how poor their hands on assessment really is, as Cope made these diagnoses without the aid of the CT Scan. At work sometimes, I think the radiologists are the only real diagnosticians anymore.

This book came as a surprise to me. Having finished the residency some time ago already I was a bit disappointed that it was never even mentioned in our studies. Generations of med-students and residents in Europe and US seem to have used it (as the number of editions show) but for some reason the book is not considered to be important in Latvia - as of May, 2014, none of the libraries have any edition of it. But I was happy to find out that its contents were very familiar. Reading it can be compared to a walk in an old park. One doesn't go there to find details about every tree or plant, but instead enjoys the view and the gardener's work. And it's the same with this book. It has no references and asks the reader to take most of the facts at face value. But the structure of the text is well planned, the language has been polished over the years and it's clear how every sign and symptom adds to the whole picture. That all together makes the reading an enjoyable experience. Although the author's belief in necessity to make the correct diagnosis just by clinical means seem to border with obsession. But then again without it it's nearly impossible to achieve perfection.

This is a great book on a specific topic. Good review and great for developing a stronger differential diagnosis. It is a pleasant medical text to read and every chapter moves very efficiently and

concisely. Would recommend this book to 3rd/4th year medical students, residents, and physicians.

A great tool for medical students. The author explains in great detail the most common diseases affecting the abdomen and how to diagnose them without the need of complementary exams like a ct scan.

Excellent Book and worth having it for reference. It is compact in size and not expensive to purchase. Everything you might look for about abdominal diseases and disorders is in this book.

I am a 4th year general surgery resident and reading it was a great reminder of several details. The only drawback is that it contains almost no photos. But the schematics are very helpful!

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