Hematology
for Students and Practitioners
(Including Practical Hematology)
To
my Father
The book has been changed primarily for better and easy understanding and permanent retention of the knowledge gained by using this. All text is accompanied by full color figures and diagrams, consequently, the finer cellular details that are observed in blood cells are better highlighted. Matter presented under Immunodeficiency Disorders, Blood Parasites, Immunohematology, Bone Marrow in non-hemopoietic disorders is vastly revised with significant additions.

As hematology is now a major specialty and more details are imparted at all levels of medical education, therefore, care has been taken not to omit anything—be it historical aspects, genetics, etiopathology, clinico-diagnostic features or therapeutic aspects of all disorders presented. Maximum emphasis has been laid on the details of the cellular components of the blood, viz., RBCs, WBCs and platelets. Chapters that are common to both hematology and histopathology have been presented in moderate details. Lymphomas, for example, are considered in histopathology books in great lengths, hence, only hematological aspects are brought out in this book.

Basic hematology techniques are presented for your perusal, theory, though, is presented in much detail. If you are a hematology practitioner and run a side laboratory, this book will immensely help you.

Wishing you easy, burden-free reading and understanding of the science of hematology.

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Preface to the First Edition

Medical book writing is basically an editing work. The voluminous textbooks are prepared from thousands of published articles, and the not so voluminous books (like the one you are holding) are prepared to provide ‘longer acting (retainable) substance with a lesser dosage’. This book, though cheap cost-wise, is rich in its contents. Care has been taken not to miss any topic of use either in examinations or in practice. The systematic format and the presentation is easily palatable. Wherever necessary a list of normal relevant values has been given, the figures need no legends, as they are self-explanatory. I do claim that this book is more than sufficient for undergraduate theoretical and practical hematology. I hope that the red liquid blood presented here quite solidly in black and white would go a long way both for students and for the aware practitioners. Suggestions for improving the next edition would be gratefully accepted and appreciated.

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