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Preface

So if you are anything like my colleagues and me, you love a puzzle, and more than that, you love a neurological puzzle. Well, the goal of this book is to provide these. In this book, you will find 150 four-line riddles with the same general structure and flow. Each of them describes a specific neuroanatomical structure in cryptic form.

This can be any of the following:

1. A lobe or general region of the brain
2. A central/cranial or peripheral nerve
3. A central or peripheral nucleus
4. A blood vessel supplying key neurological structures
5. A specific anatomical brain structure
6. A central nervous system tract
7. A neuroanatomical space or passage

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1. A non-neurological structure
2. A disease or pathology
3. A reflex, clinical finding, sign, or symptom.

All riddles will incorporate in some way a few of the following: hints to its general location in the body, what it branches from/to, its general function or dysfunction if impaired, a well-known clinical correlate, or its Latin or Greek name origin. If after reading each riddle, you are still stumped, at the bottom of that page you

will find two hints to help guide you. On the following page, you will find the answer as well as a brief description of the structure, why that answer was correct, and some interesting anatomical/clinical correlates.

Enjoy!