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Aliens and Alienists. Ethnic Minorities and Psychiatry. By ROLAND LITTLEWOOD and MAURICE LIPSEGE. Pp. 278. Penguin Books, London, 1982. £3.95.

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Recent Advances in Geriatric Medicine. Number Two. Edited by BERNARD ISAACS. Pp. viii + 283, illustrated. Churchill Livingstone, Edinburgh and London, 1982. £12.00.

Book reviews

ABC of Ear, Nose and Throat. Articles from the British Medical Journal.

By H. LUDMAN. Pp. 51, illustrated. British Medical Association, London, 1981. £3.50.

This book consists of a collection of articles first published in the *British Medical Journal*. The articles were intended to inform doctors of recent advances in the diagnosis and management of the ear nose and throat diseases. Each article consists of clearly headed paragraphs accompanied by black and white line drawings. Most of the articles deal with symptoms such as 'Vertigo' or 'Pain in the Ear'. There are also review articles on the assessment of deafness and its management.

It is a pity that the book is stapled like an exercise book the size of the BMJ. This makes it too large to fit conveniently in a bookcase and for the same reason it cannot be identified from its back cover which is the way one normally finds a reference book.

The articles are excellent summaries of the most important aspects of each subject. The numerous line drawings are mostly helpful if rather unattractive. There should be rather more labels as a few of them may mystify the non-specialist.

About 20% of the patients attending general practice have ENT complaints and yet few general practitioners have adequate training in ENT, either at an undergraduate or postgraduate level. This book should help fill that gap in their knowledge very well and bring them up to date.

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Bailey and Love's Short Practice of Surgery.

Revised by A. J. HARDING RAINS and H. DAVID RITCHIE. Pp. xii + 1370, illustrated, 18th edn. H. K. Lewis, London, 1981. £23.00.

This 18th edition of *Bailey and Love* makes it, without any

doubt, the most widely read textbook of surgery throughout the world, and not just the English speaking world, since editions have also appeared in Italian, Spanish and Turkish. Under the skilled editorship of Professors Rains and Ritchie, it maintains the tradition started by its original two master teachers from the Royal Northern Hospital of providing a clear and arresting text, a lively presentation and numerous and interesting illustrations.

The present editors have co-opted 32 specialists to help with specific chapters as well as employing a long list of other distinguished contributors; no longer can a pair of writers produce a compendium of surgical knowledge which covers not only general surgery but also the whole range of specialties, including ENT and eye surgery.

The text has been fully revised and is well up to date so that the latest advances in laboratory investigations are included. However, to-day's writers have well maintained the clinical emphasis of previous editions.

There seems little doubt that *Bailey and Love* will maintain its reputation as the standard British undergraduate text in surgery. In addition, it remains the best single volume to cover the topics required by candidates studying for their surgical Fellowship.

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Clinics in Haematology. Vol. 10, number 3, October 1981. Haematology in Tropical Areas.

Edited by LUCIO LUZZATTO. Pp. x + 377, illustrated. W. B. Saunders, London, Philadelphia and Toronto, 1981. £10.00.

Tropical medicine is no longer confined to the tropics. Not only do visitors to those areas sometimes return with exotic disorders but a steady stream of patients from abroad continue to make their way to more temperate climes. This