

Books received

- Clinical Electroencephalography*. By L. G. KILOH, A. J. MCCOMAS, J. W. OSSELTON and A. R. M. UPTON. 4th edn. Pp. xii+292, illustrated. Butterworths, London, 1981. £19.50.
- Clinical Heart Disease*. By SAMUEL ORAM. 2nd edn. Pp. viii+853, illustrated. William Heinemann Medical Books, London, 1981. £50.00.
- 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.
- A Colour Atlas of Respiratory Diseases*. By D. GERAINT JAMES and PETER R. STUDDY. Pp. 272, illustrated. Wolfe Medical Publications, London, 1981. £45.00.
- Current Surgical Practice Volume 3*. Edited by JOHN HADFIELD and MICHAEL HOBSLEY. Pp. xiv+313, illustrated. Edward Arnold, London, 1981. £14.95.
- Handbook of Neonatal Intensive Care*. By H. L. HALLIDAY, G. MCCLOUD and M. REID. Pp. vi+307, illustrated. Baillière Tindall, London, 1981. £7.50
- A Manual of Neonatal Intensive Care*. By N. R. C. ROBERTSON. Pp. x+278, illustrated. Edward Arnold, London, 1981. £9.95.
- Methods and Impact of Controlled Therapeutic Trials in Cancer*. Part I—UICC Technical Report Series vol. 36. Edited by P. ARMITAGE *et al.* Pp. 135, illustrated, 1978. Sw.Fr. 32.00.
- Part II—UICC Technical Report Series vol. 59. Edited by N. CASCINELLI *et al.* Pp. 172. Sw.Fr. 38.00. International Union Against Cancer, Geneva. Hans Huber, Bern, Switzerland.
- Practical Fracture Treatment*. By RONALD McRAE. Pp. vii+316, illustrated. Churchill Livingstone, Edinburgh and London, 1981. £8.95.
- Protecting the Traveller*. By D. R. BELL, H. M. GILLES, D. R. W. HADDOCK & G. B. WYATT. Pp. 16, illustrated. Wellcome Foundation, Cheshire. Obtainable from Wellcome Foundation, Crewe Hall, Cheshire, or Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, Pembroke Place, Liverpool.
- Venous and Arterial Thrombosis. Evaluation, Prevention and Management*. By W. R. PITNEY. Pp. viii+230, illustrated. Churchill Livingstone, Edinburgh and London, 1981. £8.50.

Book reviews

A Colour Atlas of Clinical Parasitology

By TOMIO YAMAGUCHI. Pp. IX+293, illustrated. Wolfe Medical Publications, London, 1981. £35.00.

The first thing to say about this atlas is that the standard not only of the photography but of the presentation of specimens is quite remarkable and almost certainly unsurpassed. Anybody who sees it will want to own a copy, but one must consider who will benefit, and how.

The subject of the atlas is parasites and their vectors, but there are also some clinical, histological and EM illustrations, and apposite brief notes and line drawings. There is no general text, and the atlas must therefore be regarded as a supplement to a standard reference book. The subject matter is wide-ranging but not quite comprehensive, being strong on Far Eastern parasites with South America well represented and Africa rather less so. All phases of the life cycles are illustrated. Some of the pictures of malaria parasites appear not to be quite up to the very high general standard.

It is a pity to have to say that the arrangement is probably misconceived. It is according to symptoms, e.g. respiratory, abdominal pain, and in consequence some parasites are dealt with under 4 or 5 headings, a disadvantage that outweighs any small benefits. One would have liked to see technical notes on the preparation of the superb specimens.

In conclusion this atlas is something of a luxury, but a worthwhile one for laboratory workers and others who want to know what parasites ought to look like. For those with £35.00 to spare it is good value.

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A Colour Atlas of Tropical Medicine and Parasitology

By W. PETERS and H. M. GILLES. 2nd edn. Pp. 400, illustrated. Wolfe Medical Publications, London; Year Book Medical Publications, New York, 1981. £22.00.

The Wolfe colour atlases now have an established place in

medical libraries. This second edition of the atlas of Tropical Medicine and Parasitology appears four years after the first. The major part of this book is given over to a series of excellent illustrations of endemic diseases of the tropics and sub-tropics, their geographical distributions, and the pathogens concerned. Most are infectious diseases but a number of non-infectious diseases including Burkitt's lymphoma, snake bite, sickle cell anaemia and protein-energy malnutrition, are also discussed. At the back of the book a series of diagrams and tables illustrate parasite life cycles, prevalences of common parasitoses, comparative details of genera, etc. The cover of the book now has a protective coating that will repel marking by frequent handling and the book is well bound. Doctors with a variety of specialist interests will need to refer to this book occasionally and so hospital libraries should have a copy. Physicians who deal with tropical and infectious diseases will probably want to buy a copy of their own. Only one disease, smallpox, has been eradicated between the publication of the first and second editions and it is unlikely that any other tropical disease will disappear in the near future so that diagnosis of tropically acquired diseases will continue to be important. This volume is a valuable source of information to practitioners.

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Diagnostic Bronchoscopy

By PETER STRADLING. 4th edn. Pp. xii+159, illustrated. Churchill Livingstone, Edinburgh, London, Melbourne and New York, 1981. £30.00.

This book remains unchallenged as the most authoritative and beautifully produced account of the art of bronchoscopy. It contains 190 full colour plates illustrating the normal and a vast range of abnormal findings. In this new edition all the colour plates have been replaced with new ones of high