

Book Reviews : Boekbesprekings

ANATOMICAL STUDIES OF THE HUMAN FETUS

The Human Fetal and Neonatal Circulation. Function and Structure. By S. Zoe Walsh, M.D., W. W. Meyer, M.D. and J. Lind, M.D. Pp. xiii + 351. Illustrated. \$15.00. Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas. 1974.

This monograph presents the dramatic changes that occur at birth in the cardiovascular system of the human fetus and the newborn, base on anatomical and physiological studies. Section I describes the fetal circulation integrating all aspects of the maternal-placental-fetal relationship. Section II deals with the neonatal circulation from intra-uterine life to successful transition of extra-uterine life. Section III presents the remodelling processes of bloodvessels in the neonate. This book will be valuable for all specialities concerned with the fetus and the newborn.

T.M.

HISTOPATHOLOGICAL TECHNIQUES

Handbook of Histopathological and Histochemical Techniques. (Including museum techniques). 3rd ed. By C. F. A. Culling. Pp. xiv + 712. Illustrated. R17.00. London and Durban: Butterworths. 1974.

The third edition of this excellent handbook has been updated after an eleven-year interval. Although the basic data in regard to technique and methods are only minimally changed, an additional new chapter dealing with the histochemical differentiation of proteins will be of particular interest to research laboratories. The sections dealing with chromosome techniques and the preparation of permanent fluorescent antibody sections are valuable additions.

This book will continue to serve as a standard handbook for routine histopathology laboratories, and trainee medical technologists.

R.O.C.K.

BEDRYFSGENEESKUNDE

Arbeids- en Bedrijfsgeneeskunde. Gered. deur G. C. E. Burger. Pp. xvi + 735. Geïllustreer. f168,-. Leiden: H. E. Stenfert Kroese. 1974.

Nederland is een van die min lande waar die beginsels van moderne bedryfsgeneeskunde tot relatief volle ontplooiing gekom het. Dit is dus goed dat 'n deskundige boek oor hierdie vak by wyse van 'n gesamentlike poging deur verskeie voor-aanstaande Nederlandse bedryfsgeneeskundiges opgestel is.

Na die lees van 'n paar bladsye, sal enige Afrikaanssprekende geen moeite hê om die teks te volg nie. Ek kon geen fout met die boek vind nie. Dis stewig en mooi gebind. Dit het 'n helder druk, wat maklik lees. Aan die einde van elke hoofstuk is lang lyste verwysings vir diegene wat meer wil oplees. Daar is 'n uitstekende indeks, of soos dit in die boek mooi genoem word, 'n trefwoordregister. En belangrikste van alles, die inhoud is puik.

Alle aspekte van die bedryfsgeneeskunde word met genoeg volledigheid behandel sonder om vervelig te raak. Die skrywers beweer dat hulle volledigheid slegs nagestreef het by die gee van 'n totale oorsig van arbeids- en bedryfsgeneeskundige probleemstelling. 'Er is daarby meer waarde toegekend aan waarnemen, evalueren en begripen, dan aan opsomming van feiten'.

Deur hulle streng by hierdie beginsel te hou, kon die outeurs daarin slaag om werklik 'n goeie handboek oor bedryfsgeneeskunde die lig te laat sien. Dit word ten sterkste aanbeveel by belangstellendes wat Nederlands kan lees.

A.M.C.

DERMATOLOGY

Dermatology. Proceedings of the XIV International Congress Padua-Venice, May, 1972. Ed. by F. Flarer, F. Serri and D. W. K. Cotton. Pp. lxxxii + 1008. Illustrated. Dfl. 280.00. Amsterdam: Excerpta Medica. 1974.

The main themes at this congress were reticuloses, dermatoses due to auto-aggression, progress in therapy, occupational dermatoses and venereal diseases. There were also 12 symposia, and individual contributions covering most aspects of dermatology.

Unlike some recent congress reports I have had to read, this is well edited and translations into English are good. The brevity of most articles makes them all the more readable. This is an excellent reference book, and its only fault is that there is no subject index.

J.M.

RADIOLOGIE VAN GEWRIGSIEKTES

The Radiology of Joint Diseases. Deur V. Tzonchev, K. Seidel, M. Dimitrov en K. Herrmann. Pp. 221. Geïllustreer. R28.00. Londen en Durban: Butterworths. 1974.

Tesame met die beskrywings van die illustrasies, is daar omtrent 15% leesstof waarvan net 17 bladsye werklike bespreking is.

Vreemde, onbekende woorde, spelfoute, lomp sinkonstruksie en die drukkersduiwel steek oral kop uit.

Die omgekeerde röntgenbeelde bemoeilik die ontleding van illustrasies en verminder die waarde van so 'n boek aansienlik. Geen literatuurverwysing word verskaf nie.

Die boek is teleurstellend.

C.J.B.M.

OBSESSIONAL STATES

Obsessional States. Ed. by H. R. Beech. Pp. viii + 352. £5.00. London: Methuen. 1974.

This is about the most penetrating and up-to-date book on the obsessional states that has appeared in recent years. It is a mine of information, and embodies a good deal of original work. There is an excellent and extensive bibliography.

Its short-coming is that it does not deal with the more dynamic and analytic formulations of obsessional neurosis, although there is a highly intelligent critique of the psycho-analytic position. The psychological and behavioural aspects, on the other hand, are well dealt with. It is a valuable contribution to the understanding of the condition.

L.S.G.

UROLOGY

Essentials of Urology. By D. E. Sturdy, M.S., F.R.C.S. Pp. vii + 298. Illustrated. £5.50. Bristol: John Wright & Sons. 1974.

Sturdy's *Essentials of Urology* fills a need, particularly for the medical student and the candidate for a general surgical post-graduate degree. These students will find that urology demands a significant proportion of time in their study, as well as in the written and oral examinations, and this textbook deserves its title.

The book is neatly arranged on a regional basis, and gives a concise yet comprehensive account of modern urology. The line drawings are clear, and the radiographic reproductions are excellent, and clearly illustrate the text.

P.J.M.R.