

## BOOK REVIEWS : BOEKBESPREKINGS

### HISTOCOMPATIBILITY

*Histocompatibility Testing 1970*. Ed. by P. I. Terasaki. Pp. 658. Illustrated. Dan. Kr. 148,50. Copenhagen: Munksgaard. 1970.

This is a comprehensive report (658 pages) on the January 1970 International Workshop and Conference on Histocompatibility Testing held in Palm Springs and Los Angeles. Every aspect of the subject is extensively dealt with, including the genetics and serology of the HL-A system, histocompatibility testing in clinical transplantation, the chemical characterization of the HL-A antigens, and an excellent section on serological and immunological techniques. This is the most extensive and up-to-date work in this field currently available.

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### THORACIC CARE

*Chest Tubes and Chest Bottles*. By A. von Hippel, M.D., F.A.C.S., F.I.C.S. Pp. xv + 96. \$7.00. Springfield, Ill.: Charles C. Thomas. 1969.

One is frequently approached, especially by colleagues in outlying districts, on the use of intrapleural drainage tubes. It seems that few doctors, even students of thoracic surgery, let alone nurses, understand the 'mysteries' of chest tubes and chest bottles.

The author of this monograph has been most successful in presenting all the facets of sealed pleural drainage in a clearly illustrated, simple but concise way which makes the reading pleasant and most informative.

This manual is a truly worth-while guide for all those concerned with thoracic care.

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### ATLAS VAN DWARSSNITTE

*A Cross-Section Anatomy*. Deur A. C. Eycleshymer, B.S., Ph.D., M.D. en D. M. Schoemaker, B.S., M.D. Pp. xvi + 215. Geïllustreer. R32.00. Londen en Durban: Butterworth. 1970.

Dit is 'n atlas en handleiding van makroskopiese dwarsnitte deur die menslike liggaam. Die eerste uitgawe het in 1911 verskyn en die huidige is 'n historiese heruitgawe van hierdie klassieke werk met die oorspronklike illustrasies voortrefflik gedoen deur Tom Jones. In die eerste hoofstuk word die historiese agtergrond, doelstelling, materiaal en metodes bespreek. Die regionale dwarsnitte, kop en nek, toraks, abdomen, bekken, ingeslote vroulike bekken en ledemate word toegelig met bygaande verklarings in hoofstuk twee. Die derde hoofstuk word gewy aan die topografie van organe. Daar word ook 'n bibliografie gegee van die vernaamste boeke en tydskrifte wat geraadpleeg is.

T.M.

### LIVER DISEASE

*Liver Disease*. By A. Paton, M.D., F.R.C.P. Pp. vii + 185. Illustrated. £1.10.0. London: William Heinemann Medical Books. 1970.

This book sets out to present liver disease in a succinct but relatively superficial manner. Unfortunately its very abbreviation makes it of limited value. It has the defect of merely whetting the appetite while supplying nothing like enough information to give the student a real appreciation of the clinical problems in liver disease. Certain important areas are treated far too superficially.

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