

Books Received

A HISTORY OF NEUROSURGERY. IN ITS SCIENTIFIC AND PROFESSIONAL CONTEXTS. 1997. Edited by Samuel Greenblatt, T. Forscht Dagi, Mel H. Epstein. Published by The American Association of Neurological Surgeons. 625 pages. \$C156.00 approx.

CLINICAL NEUROLOGY – SECOND EDITION. 1998. Edited by C. David Marsden, Timothy J. Fowler. Published by Oxford University Press Canada. 446 pages. \$C71.50 approx.

DIAGNOSTIC NEUROPATHOLOGY. 1998. By Harry V. Vinters, Michael A. Farrell, Paul S. Michel and Karl H. Anders. Published by Marcell Dekker, Inc. 669 pages. \$C292.50 approx.

DISORDERS OF BRAIN AND MIND. 1998. Edited by Maria A. Ron, Anthony S. David. Published by Cambridge University Press. 373 pages. \$C110.50 approx.

DIZZINESS, HEARING LOSS AND TINNITUS. 1998. By Robert W. Baloh. Published by F.A. Davis Company. 256 pages. \$C84.50 approx.

EPILEPSY AND OTHER NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS IN COELIAC DISEASE. 1997. Edited by G. Gobbi, F. Andermann, S. Naccarato, G. Banchini. Published by John Libbey & Co. Ltd. 378 pages. \$C148.20 approx.

GAMMA KNIFE BRAIN SURGERY. 1998. Edited by L.D. Lunsford, D. Kondziolka, J.C. Flickinger. Published by Karger. 228 pages. \$C244.40 approx.

HUMAN BEHAVIOR. AN INTRODUCTION FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS, 3rd EDITION. 1998. Edited by Alan Stoudemire. Published by Lippincott Raven. 532 pages. \$C38.94 approx.

INCLUSION-BODY MYOSITIS AND MYOPATHIES. 1998. Edited by Valeris Askanas, Georges Serratrice and W. King Engel. Published by Cambridge University Press. 393 pages. \$C162.50 approx.

ISCHEMIC STROKE: FROM BASIC MECHANISMS TO NEW DRUG DEVELOPMENT. 1998. Edited by Chung Y. Hsu. Published by Karger. 166 pages. \$C179.73 approx.

MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR NEUROBIOLOGY CORTICAL PLASTICITY LTP AND LTD. 1998. Edited by M.S. Fazeli and G.L. Collingridge. Published by Oxford University Press Canada. 253 pages. \$C108.00 approx.

MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR NEUROBIOLOGY. GLIAL CELL DEVELOPMENT: BASIC PRINCIPLES AND CLINICAL RELEVANCE. 1998. Edited by K.R. Jessen and W.D. Richardson. Published by Oxford University Press Canada. 255 pages. \$C108.00 approx.

MOLECULAR AND CELLULAR NEUROBIOLOGY. MOLECULAR BIOLOGY OF THE NEURON. 1998. Edited by R.W. Davies and B.J. Morris. Published by Oxford University Press Canada. 399 pages. \$C121.50 approx.

OUTCOMES IN NEUROLOGICAL AND NEUROSURGICAL DISORDERS. 1998. Edited by Michael Swash. Published by Cambridge University Press. 612 pages. \$C156.00 approx.

RUSSELL AND RUBINSTEIN'S PATHOLOGY OF TUMORS OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM, VOLUME 1: EPIDEMIOLOGY. VOLUME 2: PATHOLOGIC ANATOMY. 1998. Edited by Darell D. Bigner, Roger E. McLendon, Janet M. Bruner. Published by Oxford University Press Canada. 1372 pages \$C421.95 approx.

SURVEYING AND PREVENTING THE COMPLICATIONS OF DIABETES IN NOVA SCOTIA. 1997. By Diabetes Care Program of Nova Scotia Complications of Diabetes Subcommittee. Published by Diabetes Care Program of Nova Scotia. 80 pages. \$C26.75 approx.

THE CNS IN ACTION – 2 CD'S. THE OCULAR MOTOR SYSTEM AND THE VESTIBULAR SYSTEM. 1998. By Jean-Marie Peyronnard, Louise Charron. Published by SSB Multimedia Medical Series. \$C221.00 approx.

Book Reviews

NEUROMUSCULAR DISEASES DURING DEVELOPMENT. 1997. Edited by Fernando Cornelio, Giovanni Lanzi and Ermellina Fedrizzi. Published by John Libbey & Co., Ltd., London, U.K. 154 pages. \$C88.00

This small volume contains a wealth of mostly up-to-date data on a variety of childhood myopathies. Though the title implies a correlation with ontogenesis, this aspect is not a particularly strong theme of the book. The tome is actually the published papers of the Postgraduate Course of the Peirfranco and Luisa Mariani Foundation, which was held in Pavia, Italy, 8-10 March 1995. Of the 15 chapters, preface and conclusion, two were written by French authors, one by Swiss authors and the rest are Italian works. It is refreshing to read these authors and compare their concepts with the more familiar North American approaches to myology. I was both reassured, but also a little disappointed, to find that most of these chapters could easily have been written by Canadian or American authors and that Italy is indeed "in the loop" with us in neuromus-

cular diseases. The number of figures is small but they are well chosen. The book is well indexed and the references at the ends of each chapter are current.

The first two chapters deal with metabolic myopathies in general and mitochondrial cytopathies in particular. They are well written, authoritative, modern in concept and data presented, and are excellent summaries of an increasingly important topic. Chapter 3 is a brief but concise and authoritative statement by Michel Fardeau and his colleagues. Chapter 4 entitled "Dystrophinopathies" is too brief and does not discuss the most recent concepts of dystrophin-related glycoproteins and their relation to dystrophin, and does not discuss a possible role of dystrophin in diseases other than classical Duchenne/Becker muscular dystrophy. Chapter 5 on congenital myopathies by Carlo P. Trevisan contained many correct facts, but I disagree with the attempt to incorporate congenital muscular dystrophy, infantile myotonic dystrophy and other progressive degenerative myopathies in the category of "congenital myopathies" because their expression at birth or in early infancy does not automatically