
Dr. Baron, in 200 pages, summarizes with remarkable clarity the application of biochemistry to the day-to-day problems of chemical pathology. The text is supplemented by some excellent tables. I like particularly a separate table which gives the normal values for children.

This book could be read with pleasure and reward by senior registrars as well as by senior students. It is well indexed, totally devoid of frills, and many busy clinical pathologists will find it a valuable, though inexpensive, addition to the library of reference books.

Unfortunately there are a certain number of somewhat irritating type-setting errors, suggesting hasty preparation. These, with a few textual errors which are so obvious that they will not mislead, can easily be corrected at the next reprinting.

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The publisher states that "in this volume, Dr. Spink, a world authority on the disease, presents a comprehensive review of human and animal brucellosis and the results of important new research." This is certainly true, as there is scarcely a phase of this fascinating disease that Dr. Spink has not adequately covered. The opening chapter gives an accurate review of the evolution of the concept that brucellosis is a disease of animals and man, the early work of British, American, and Maltese scientists being fully described. The chapters on epidemiology and pathogenesis are quite outstanding. The description of the clinical features of the disease is admirable. Appendices comprise over 100 pages and include the protocol of 244 cases of brucellosis. The book is to be recommended to anyone anxious to gain accurate information on brucellosis, and it should be invaluable to the clinical pathologist. The style is always interesting, and the publishers have produced a manual which is a pleasure to read.

J. V. WILSON.

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