

make reagents, a list of the suppliers of various reagents, and the case histories which highlight situations in which immunological investigations are required. Clinical information and applicability of the various tests are not discussed in depth, and in order to get the most out of the book one should have one of the more weighty clinical tomes. The book is not perfect. Some of the figures are not clear, the table on cytokines is out of date, and the section on immunohistory of lymphoid malignancies is really not appropriate for this kind of book. Nevertheless, at £22.50 the book is a good buy and should be of use to laboratory staff for the technical aspects and clinicians as a "how-to" book.

TT MACDONALD

Atlas of Ear, Nose and Throat Pathology. Current Histopathology Series. Vol 16. L Michaels. (Pp 119; £80.) Kluwer Academic Publishers. 1990. ISBN 0-7923-8934-4.

In this volume Professor Michaels completes his recent contributions to ear, nose, and throat bibliography with a colour atlas. For those familiar with his other publications for Springer this book covers similar territory but with the added advantage of a wealth of colour plates. There are welcome sections on the normal anatomy of the region together with many photographs of the beautiful microsliced middle ear preparations from his collection. This technique is covered in a degree of detail not previously afforded, but the reader is best advised to consult his other texts or the recent ACP datasheet for detailed examination of the larynx. The overall photographic quality is good, with only a small number of photographs marred by too low magnification or technically poor sections. Of necessity the text is brief, but in conjunction with the excellent photographs, make this a valuable bench book.

AJ NORTON

Surgical Pathology of the Ovaries. P Russell, P Bannatyne. (Pp 539; £85.) Churchill Livingstone. 1989. ISBN 0-443-03535-0.

This book covers the whole range of ovarian pathology. Although the emphasis is on tumours, the first third of the book covers aspects such as the embryology, surgical anatomy, histology and examination of the ovary, with subsequent sections on dysfunction and inflammation. There is a total of 56 chapters, which may appear daunting at first sight, until it is realised that each subject and each tumour is given a separate chapter. Although this results in some very short chapters (there is as little as a page and a half in the chapter on gynandroblastoma), it greatly adds to the ease of use of the book for quick reference; each entity can be found easily without the need to search through unnecessary text. In each chapter the entity is first defined and, following the presentation of the clinical pathology, the macroscopical and microscopical features are described, always with the help of numerous, excellent photographs. Wherever possible, the authors have used tables to set out differential diagnoses so that they can be seen easily at a glance. References are given at the end of every chapter: these are adequate without

being so profuse as to be obtrusive. Additional references to inherited syndromes in relation to ovarian pathology and paraneoplastic syndromes occurring with ovarian tumours are given in appendices.

This is an excellent book which provides a totally comprehensive coverage of ovarian pathology, presented in a manner that makes it ideal for a busy surgical pathologist. It can be thoroughly recommended for histopathologists at all levels.

MC ANDERSON

Electron Microscopy of the Lung. Ed Dean E Schraufnagel. **Lung Biology in Health and Disease.** Vol 48. (Pp 608; \$210.) Marcel Dekker Inc. 1990. ISBN 0-8247-8319-0.

This is a compendium of information on the lung studied by electron microscopy. The expert contributors are exclusively North American. The chapters cover instrumentation and techniques, basic biology, experimental studies and pathology. There are chapters on morphometry, scanning electron microscopy, the ultrastructural pathology of the human lung and asbestos related disease.

This book is attractively produced, with illustrations of an overall high standard, although the effect is somewhat spoiled in places, particularly in the pathology section, by quirky variations in the size and grouping of the micrographs, and the location of their captions.

The technical complexity, range, and variety of its content, not to mention its price, make this a book designed to appeal more to the specialist than to the general reader. It will provide a valuable point of entry for those seeking an understanding of the current role of ultrastructural techniques in the study of pulmonary biology and pathology.

PETER G TONER

Some new titles

The receipt of books is acknowledged, and this listing must be regarded as sufficient return for the courtesy of the sender. Books that appear to be of particular interest will be reviewed as space permits.

Inflammatory Indices in Chronic Bronchitis. Ed CGA Persson, R Brattsand, LA Laitinen, P Venge. Agents and Actions Supplements Vol 30. (Pp 204; 78 sw fr.) Birkhauser. 1990. ISBN 3-7643-2370-1.

Pharmaceutical Practice. Ed DM Collett, ME Aulton. (Pp 496; £22.50.) Churchill Livingstone. 1990. ISBN 0-443-03644-6.

Modern Pharmacology. 3rd ed. Ed CR Craig, RE Stitzel. (Pp 1047; £21.95.) Churchill Livingstone. 1990. ISBN 0-316-15929-8.

The Significance of N-Nitrosation of Drugs. Drug Development and Evaluation Vol 16. Ed G Eisenbrand, G Bozler, H v Nicolai. (Pp 290; 55 fig; 48 tab; DM 98.) Gustav Fischer Verlag. 1990. ISBN 3-437-11315-1.

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