

Book Notices

Jacalyn Duffin, *History of medicine: a scandalously short introduction*, University of Toronto Press, 1999, pp. xvi, 432, illus., £52.00, \$70.00 (hardback 0-8020-0949-2), £15.00, \$24.95 (paperback 0-8020-7912-1).

In response to requests from her Canadian medical students, the author has crafted a general introduction of medical history based on her own teaching experiences. Duffin's strategy of curriculum "infiltration" and the branding of medical personalities as "heroes" or "villains" to provoke students and teach them historical methods have appeared elsewhere. Nevertheless, this book will find broad acceptance among teachers who wish to portray history as an antidote to medical dogma and an agent for explaining change.

Rosalie David, *The experience of ancient Egypt*, London and New York, Routledge, 2000, pp. xxii, 192, illus., £35.00 (hardback 0-415-03263-6).

The culture of ancient Egypt continues to fascinate young and old. This survey of our centuries-old quest to decipher and understand the land and its people examines religion and funerary practices, monumental construction, and everyday life. Of special interest is a final chapter on the contributions made by the biomedical sciences. Over time, the investigation of Egyptian mummies—from crude autopsies to sophisticated body scans—has yielded significant knowledge about the individual health of rulers and workers, often revealing aspects of the illnesses they suffered. Electron microscopy, histochemistry and DNA analysis promise further insights into the history of disease. To illustrate the importance of the biomedical approach in

Egyptology, the University of Manchester recently established an international mummy tissue bank to co-ordinate future studies.

BOOKS ALSO RECEIVED

(The inclusion of a title does not preclude the possibility of subsequent review. Items received, other than those assigned for review, are ultimately incorporated into the collection of the Wellcome Library.)

John Crawford Adams, *Shakespeare's physic*, London, Royal Society of Medicine Press, 2000 (first published 1989), pp. 192, illus., £10.00 (paperback 1-85315-463-6).

Vincent Aucante, *Descartes. Écrits physiologiques et médicaux*, Collection Épiméthée, Paris, Presses Universitaires de France, 2000, pp. viii, 288, FFr 298 (paperback 2-13-050623-2).

Lucy Bending, *The representation of bodily pain in late nineteenth-century English culture*, Oxford English Monographs, Oxford, Clarendon Press, 2000, pp. ix, 309, £37.50 (hardback 0-19-818717-3).

Marcel H Bickel, *Die Entwicklung zur experimentellen Pharmakologie 1790–1850. Wegbereiter von Rudolf Buchheim*, Gesnerus Supplementum 46, Basel, Schwabe, 2000, pp. 158, illus. (3-7965-1422-7).

Michael Bliss, *The discovery of insulin*, University of Toronto Press, 2000 (hardback 1982), pp. 304, illus., \$21.95 (paperback 0-8020-8344-7). The hardback was reviewed in the October 1988 issue of *Med. Hist.*, p. 478.

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Guillemette Bolens, *La logique du corps articulaire. Les articulations du corps humain dans la littérature occidentale*, Collection "Histoire", Presses Universitaires de Rennes, 2000, pp. 245, illus., FFr 130 (paperback 2-86847-494-2).

G J Bremer, *Hora est. Proefschriften van huisartsen, 1900–1995*, Rotterdam, Erasmus Publishing, 2000, pp. 256, illus., Hfl. 59.50 (hardback 90-5235-147-3).

Joan Cassell, *The woman in the surgeon's body*, Cambridge, MA, and London, Harvard University Press, 2000 (hardback 1998), pp. xii, 267, £12.50 (paperback 0-674-00407-8).

Jennifer Connor, *Guardians of medical knowledge: the genesis of the Medical Library Association*, Lanhan, Maryland, and London, Medical Library Association and Scarecrow Press, 2000, pp. xi, 190, illus., £48.75 (0-8108-3470-7).

Ernst Falzeder, Eva Brabant (eds), with the collaboration of **Patrizia Giampieri-Deutsch**, *The correspondence of Sigmund Freud and Sándor Ferenczi, volume 3, 1920–1933*, transl. Peter T Hoffer, Cambridge, MA, The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2000, pp. xlv, 473, £41.50 (hardback 0-674-00297-0).

Roger French, *Ancients and moderns in the medical sciences: from Hippocrates to Harvey*, Variorum Collected Studies series, Aldershot, Ashgate, 2000, pp. 304, illus., £52.50 (hardback 0-86078-834-2).

Anne S Harding, *Milestones in health and medicine*, Phoenix, AZ, Oryx Press, pp. xii, 267, illus., \$59.95 (hardback 1-57356-140-1).

Molly A Holman, Stephen R Munzer, *Intellectual property rights in genes and gene fragments: a registration solution for expressed sequence tags*, *Iowa Law Review*, 2000, 85 (3).

Peregrine Horden and Emilie Savage-Smith (eds), *The year 1000: medical practice at the end of the first millennium*, special issue of *Social History of Medicine*, 2000, 13 (2), pp. 161, £13, \$23. Orders to Oxford University Press.

Frank Huisman, Catrien Santing, Bert Theunissen (eds), *De biografie als genre in de wetenschapsgeschiedenis*, special issue of *Gewina*, 2000 (1), pp. 89, Hfl. 25.00 (paperback 90-5235-146-5).

Mark Jackson, *The borderland of imbecility: medicine, society and the fabrication of the feeble mind in late Victorian and Edwardian England*, Manchester and New York, Manchester University Press, 2000, pp. x, 273, illus., £45.00 (hardback 0-7190-5456-7).

G M Mesland, *De verlichting der Romantiek. De psychofysiologische idee in west-Europa*, Rotterdam, Erasmus Publishing, 2000, pp. 261, Hfl. 47.50 (paperback 90-5235-145-7).

Julyan G Peard, *Race, place, and medicine: the idea of the tropics in nineteenth-century Brazilian medicine*, Durham, NC, and London, Duke University Press, 2000, pp. x, 315, £11.95 (0-8223-2397-4).

Steven J Peitzman, *A new and untried course: Woman's Medical College and Medical College of Pennsylvania, 1850–1998*, New Brunswick and London, Rutgers University Press, 2000, pp. xiii, 322, illus., \$60 (hardback 0-8135-2815-1), \$22.00 (paperback 0-8135-2816-X).

P G M G Perneel, *Het beroepsjournaal van dr. J. F. Ph. Hers, arts te Oud-Beijerland 1881–1915. Een reconstructie van een plattelandspraktijk omstreeks 1900*, Rotterdam, Erasmus Publishing, 2000, illus., pp. 326, Hfl. 59.50 (hardback 90-5235-149-X).

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- Philip R Reilly**, *Abraham Lincoln's DNA: and other adventures in genetics*, Cold Spring Harbor, NY, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, 2000, pp. xx, 338, illus., \$25 (hardback 0-87969-580-3).
- A M G Rutten**, *Dutch transatlantic medicine trade in the eighteenth century under the cover of the West India Company*, Rotterdam, Erasmus Publishing, 2000, pp. 168, illus., Hfl. 59.50 (paperback 90-5235-148-1).
- Gerhard Saalman, Heinrich Schlange-Schöningen**, *Die Psoriasis. Geschichte und Therapie vom Altertun bis zur Gegenwart*, Herford, Verlag G Saalman, 1998, pp. 168, illus., DM 39.00 (hardback 3-9800063-1-X).
- Jane Sharp**, *The midwives book or the whole art of midwifry discovered*, edited by Elaine Hobby, New York and Oxford, Oxford University Press, 1999, pp. xliii, 323, illus., £30.00 (hardback 0-19-508652-X).
- Allen Thiher**, *Revels in madness: insanity in medicine and literature*, Corporealities: Discourses of Disability, Ann Arbor, University of Michigan Press, 2000, pp. 354, £36.00, \$57.50 (0-472-11035-7).
- Keir Waddington**, *Charity and the London hospitals, 1850–1898*, Studies in History, New Series, Woodbridge, The Royal Historical Society and The Boydell Press, 2000, pp. xii, 252, illus., £40.00 \$75.00 (hardback 0-86193-246-3).
- Mark W Weatherall**, *Gentlemen, scientists and doctors: medicine at Cambridge 1800–1940*, History of the University of Cambridge Texts and Studies 3, Woodbridge, Boydell Press in association with Cambridge University Library, 2000, pp. x, 341, £50.00, \$90.00 (hardback 0-85115-681-9).