

BOOK REVIEW

Treatment of Skin Diseases, J. S. Pasricha, Arnold-Heinemann Publishers, New Delhi, 1976 (pp. 168, Rs. 17.50)

As I have often remarked, any book by an Indian writer is welcome apart from its merits. More so in a country where reading and therefore writing habits are so poor as remarked by the erstwhile Prime Minister Nehru some years ago.

The book under review is purely a clinical subject handled by essentially a research worker. Therefore it does suffer from incidental limitations. However, these do not detract from overall utility of the book to those for whom it is primarily written namely for medical students and general practitioners.

The young author has treated the subject in a clinical way. He gives a summary of clinical signs and symptoms of diseases and then attempts treatment in as much detail as necessary for a particular entity. The common conditions like infections, deficiency dermatitis, eczemas and iatrogenic conditions are well described and dealt with.

The useful and novel feature of the book is the introduction of classification of all the available proprietary formulations. The author has also provided a useful index. Besides, the book is handy and compact and printed on art paper. It provides easy reading. Since it is a subsidised book, the price is within the reach of all and sundry. For all these merits the book is bound to create a market for itself.

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