BOOK REVIEWS

Surgical Orthodontic Treatment 1st edition. William R Proffit and Raymond P White, edited by Robert W Reinhardt. Published by Mosby Year Book Inc., St. Louis 1991. Hard Bound, price not mentioned. Pages 722. ISBN 0-8016-5291-K.

This is a very useful practical reference book for students as well as oral and maxillofacial surgeons and orthodontists. The contents of this book have been divided into 4 sections spread over 19 chapters, contributed by an eminent faculty, covering the spectrum of dentofacial deformities, diagnostic and treatment planning, surgical treatment and clinical treatment.

The final and longest section discusses some of the interesting clinical problems for which patients seek treatment. The emphasis is on the options available to both the orthodontist and the surgeon for effective treatment of the problem within the most reasonable time frame, indicating where other dental specialists might contribute, and on the interaction amongst clinicians that is necessary for optimal treatment results. Overall the book is well printed with 2053 illustrations.

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A Comprehensive Text Book of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry 1st edition. Edited by MS Bhatia and NK Dhar. Published by CBS Publishers and Distributors, New Delhi, 1996. Paperback. Rs 230/-. Pages 654. ISBN 81-239-0419-3.

This book is yet another addition to the burgeoning literature on psychiatry in India. It has 30 chapters covering various topics. The chapters on schizophrenia, mood disorders, child and the law, psychosomatics in children, and child guidance centres in India, are competently written. The present status of electroconvulsive therapy in children as well as drug therapy has been discussed well. The case-vignettes of psychotherapy in children are lucid and cogent with useful explanatory comments by the authors.

The book has a chapter with the interesting title "Children Under Peculiar Circumstances". Problems of parentless children, foster children, abused children and other disadvantaged children have been enumerated and

briefly commented upon. For good measure, the authors have also discussed the problems of intelligent children, beautiful children and the children of famous parents in this chapter. However, a chapter on child development is conspicuous by its absence. The chapter on assessment also could have been more clinically oriented.

Addition of a chapter carrying information about Government of India programmes and policies relevant to mental health of children institutions involved in this field would have made the book truly comprehensive for the postgraduate student as well as the professional. Overall this is a good and handy book. Psychiatrists, paediatricians and clinical psychologists should find it very useful as a desk reference.

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