Forensic Pathology 1st edition. Edited by Dominick J Di Maio and Vincent JM Di Maio. Published by CRC Press Inc., Florida, USA, 1993. Hardbound. £57. Pages 503. ISBN 0-8493-9503-8.

This book contains a wide variety of references of medicolegal interest. The material of the text is based on the personal experience of two forensic pathologists who are renowned experts in their respective fields. Dominick J Di Maio is a retired Chief Medical Examiner of New York City and remains a Forensic consultant. Vincent JM Di Maio was the Chief Medical Examiner and Director of an Regional Crime Laboratory in the USA.

The authors have presented the essentials of forensic medicine in a concise, lucid, and comprehensive manner. The text is useful to medical practitioners, medical students, homicide detectives, medicolegal attorneys and others interested in Forensic Pathology. The book is without a doubt a very comprehensive, definitive and practical medicolegal textbook on Forensic Pathology.

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This exhaustive treatise on anaesthesiology is the lineal descendant of five editions of (1959-1989) General Anaesthesia edited by teams comprising, in succession Frankis Evans, Cecil Gray, John Nunn, John Utting and Burnell Brown, Cedric Prys Roberts then joined Burnell Brown to edit the present volume. The physiological and pharmacological aspects of anaesthesiology have been dealt with succinctly and precisely. Physiology of the various systems of the body has been collated in great detail in Volume I. The latest advances in the understanding of the neuromuscular system and endocrine diseases have been explained with clarity, keeping in view the requirements of the postgraduate students. An interesting chapter in Volume I is that on immunological aspects of anaesthesia.

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