

## Books Received

**A DISEASE ONCE SACRED - A HISTORY OF THE MEDICAL UNDERSTANDING OF EPILEPSY.** 2001. By Mervyn J. Eadie, Peter F. Bladin. Published by John Libbey & Company Limited. 248 pages. C\$61.45 approx.

**CURRENT MANAGEMENT IN CHILD NEUROLOGY.** Second Edition. 2002. By Bernard L. Maria. Published by BC Decker Inc.. 562 pages. C\$205.54 approx.

**DISORDERS OF VOLUNTARY MUSCLE.** 7th Edition. 2001. Edited by George Karpati, David Hilton-Jones, Robert C. Griggs. Published by Cambridge University Press. 775 pages. C\$346.07 approx.

**HOMOCYSTEINE IN HEALTH AND DISEASE.** 2001. Edited by Ralph Carmel, Donald W. Jacobsen. Published by Cambridge University Press. 510 pages. C\$235.98 approx.

**IN THEIR HANDS.** 2002. By Javed Siddiqi. Published by Thieme. 217 pages. C\$78.08 approx.

**INVESTIGATING NEUROLOGICAL DISEASE.** 2001. Edited by Albert Hofman, Richard Mayeux. Published by Cambridge University Press. 313 pages. C\$93.92 approx.

**LOCALIZATION IN CLINICAL NEUROLOGY.** Fourth Edition. 2001. By Paul W. Brazis, Joseph C. Masdeu, Jose Biller. Published by Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. 608 pages. C\$212.70 approx.

**MERRITT'S NEUROLOGY HANDBOOK.** Tenth Edition. 2001. Edited

by Pietro Mazzoni, Lewis P. Rowland. Published by Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. 576 pages. C\$70.79 approx.

**PARKINSON'S DISEASE. A GUIDE FOR PATIENT AND FAMILY.** Fifth Edition. 2001. By Roger C. Duvoisin, Jacob Sage. Published by Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. 208 pages. C\$47.11 approx.

**STROKE SYNDROMES.** Second Edition. 2001. Edited by Julien Bogousslavsky, Louis Caplan. Published by Cambridge University Press. 747 pages. C\$314.64 approx.

**SURGICAL MANAGEMENT OF PAIN.** 2002. By Kim J. Burchiel. Published by Thieme. 992 pages. C\$317.88 approx.

**TEXTBOOK OF CLINICAL NEUROPSYCHIATRY.** 2001. By David P. Moore. Published by Oxford University Press. 747 pages. C\$156.00 approx.

**THE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHIES.** 2001. Edited by Alan E.H. Emery. Published by Oxford University Press. 304 pages. C\$184.50 approx.

**THE NEURON. CELL AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY.** Third Edition. 2002. By Irwin B. Levitan, Leonard K. Kaczmarek. Published by Oxford University Press. 632 pages. C\$96.12 approx.

**UNCOMMON CAUSES OF STROKE.** 2001. Edited by Julien Bogousslavsky, Louis Caplan. Published by Cambridge University Press. 391 pages. C\$314.64 approx.

## Book Reviews

**MASTER CASES SPINE SURGERY.** 2001. By Alexander R. Vaccaro and Todd J. Albert. Published by Thieme. 552 pages. C\$219.03

Drs. Vaccaro and Albert have compiled over 60 examples of operative and nonoperative spinal pathology and present them as case illustrations with subsequent discussions. Just shy of 100 contributors have lent their expertise to the clinical material presented within. The book is bound in a hard cover, and consists of 515 pages printed in a glossy format to provide high-quality figure reproduction.

The cases are organized according to disease category and appear to be chosen to provide a generous depth and scope, ranging from

simple operative and nonoperative cervical, thoracic, and lumbar disc herniations to adult deformity correction and even vascular malformations. The format for each case typically consists of a description of history of presentation and physical findings followed by pictures of pertinent imaging studies. A discussion ensues of the treatment, sometimes with operative techniques, followed by an overview of the pathological process.

### ***What I liked about this book:***

It was refreshing and stimulating to look at individual cases and learn how the various experts treated their patients. The follow-up discussions provided a light overview of the subject material, refreshing my own memories of concepts last reviewed many years