

Books Received

MANAGING EPILEPSY WITH WOMEN IN MIND. 2005. By Tim Betts. Published by Taylor & Francis Group. 152 pages. C\$85 approx.

RECENT PROGRESS IN ALZHEIMER'S AND PARKINSON'S DISEASES. 2005. Edited by Israel Hanin, Ramon Cacabelos, Abraham Fisher. Published by Taylor & Francis Group. 383 pages. C\$170 approx.

ADVANCED THERAPY OF HEADACHE. SECOND EDITION 2005. By R. Allan Purdy, Alan M. Rapoport, Fred D. Sheftell, Stewart J. Tepper. Published by BC Decker Inc. 339 pages. C\$99.95 approx.

CHRONIC DAILY HEADACHE FOR CLINICIANS. 2005. By Peter J. Goadsby, Stephen D. Silberstein, David W. Dodick. Published by BC Decker Inc. 220 pages. C\$99.95 approx.

YOUNG ADULT AND PEDIATRIC HEADACHE MANAGEMENT. 2005. By Paul Winner, Donald W. Lewis. Published by BC Decker Inc. 236 pages. C\$49.95 approx.

NEURODEGENERATIVE DISEASES: NEUROBIOLOGY, PATHOGENESIS AND THERAPEUTICS. 2005. Edited by M. Flint Beal, Anthony E. Lang, Albert Ludolph. Published by Cambridge University Press. 985 pages. C\$500 approx.

MINIMALLY INVASIVE NEUROSURGERY. 2005. Edited by Mark R. Proctor, Peter M. Black. Published by Humana Press. 431 pages. C\$215 approx.

INFLAMMATORY DISORDERS OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM. 2005. Edited by Alireza Minagar, J. Steven Alexander. Published by Humana Press. 362 pages. C\$190 approx.

ANTIEPILEPTIC DRUGS: COMBINATION THERAPY AND INTERACTIONS. 2005. Edited by Jerzy Majkowski, Blaise F.D. Bourgeois, Philip N. Patsalos, Richard H. Mattson. Published by Cambridge University Press. 496 pages. C\$185 approx.

NEURO-OPHTHALMOLOGY: A PRACTICAL GUIDE. 2005. By Leonard A. Levin, Anthony C. Arnold. Published by Thieme. 494 pages. C\$210 approx.

Book Reviews

THE NEUROPATHOLOGY OF DEMENTIA. 2004. Second edition. Edited by Margaret Esiri, Virginia M-Y. Lee, John Q. Trojanowski. Published by Cambridge University Press. 578 pages. C\$450 approx.

On the topic of good books, Groucho Marx once said, "I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book". Here's just such a book for those like-minded neuroscientists.

The field of dementia is growing in prevalence, size and complexity, outpaced only by the staggering billions invested and yet to be spent on health care and research in this area. Thanks to influential First World baby-boomers (worried about becoming material for this book's third edition) this trend is likely to continue. As such, these are the heydays of dementia research and there is a growing sense that practical breakthroughs will come from the minds of the brilliant and industrious leaders in the field.

The book is well written and edited by our colleagues who are amongst these leaders. It is an enjoyable and at times inspiring read, even for someone not typically inspired by dementia. Moreover, the book is balanced and well designed in its content and flow. Contributing authors have done an admirable job of summarizing existing knowledge, current theories of pathogenesis and key

questions facing researchers in their respective subfields. With few exceptions, they have also skillfully decorated their chapters with well chosen images.

The introductory chapters (one to three) are well written and welcome. The core chapters on the aging brain, Alzheimer's disease, tauopathies, frontotemporal dementias, Parkinson's disease and related disorders, prion diseases, head injury and dementia and infectious and inflammatory dementias are particularly well presented. The remaining chapters pull in complimentary information from other fields (biosafety, molecular techniques, imaging, etc.) to further enhance the resourcefulness of this well conceived, well rounded publication. The bibliographies are adequate and up to date.

In summary, the book makes for an easy recommendation by accomplishing the editors' primary goals. First, to present "the most comprehensive coverage of current understanding of the dementias", and second, to serve those in practice and those studying the field from the laboratory equally well.

Two hippocampi up!

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