

## ***Book Reviews***

**Short Clinical Review of Malaria and Kalazar:** *Editors: Verma A.K., Verma A. Pages 41. Price Rs. 60/-.* For details contact: Dr. Amar Kumar Verma, Department of Pediatrics and Neonatology, Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences, Ranchi, Jharkhand, India.

Malaria and Kalazar are two endemic diseases in many parts of India. Resistance of commonly used drugs for these two diseases are causing serious health problems.

This short clinical review on Malaria and

Kalazar provides useful information in a concise manner, Practitioners, particularly will find the book useful as management aspect has been highlighted lucidly. The book could be used as a ready desk top reference by doctors specially in endemic areas,

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**Textbook of Pediatric Emergencies (Book I Infancy, Childhood and Adolescence).** *Ed Suraj Gupte, 2005. Peepee Publishers and Distributors (P) Ltd, New Delhi, Pages 600. Rs. 375.00.*

This voluminous and comprehensive text deals with various emergency conditions encountered in children. Eighty-nine contributors have covered most of these including some "non-emergencies" (infantile tremor syndrome, antibiotic induced diarrhea, idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura, hemolytic uremic syndrome, earache, epistaxis; etc). Each chapter has a brief consideration of pathophysiology and etiopatho-genesis (the chapter on acute seizures mentions Inter-

national classification of epilepsy and newer antiepileptic drugs), which may be useful but adds to the size of the book. Most conditions are adequately dealt with. I was pleased to see "child abuse and neglect" included, which often presents with emergency situations. Trauma and ortho-pedic injuries, road traffic accidents, crush injury are some of the notable omissions. The book contains a wealth of information and is great value for money. I strongly recommend every pediatrician to buy it.

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