

## Books Received

**A CLINICAL GUIDE TO INHERITED METABOLIC DISEASES. SECOND EDITION.** 2002. By Joe T.R. Clarke. Published by Cambridge University Press. 289 pages C\$63.00 approx.

**A FIRST STEP - UNDERSTANDING GUILLAIN-BARRE SYNDROME.** 2002. By Brian S. Langton. Published by Trafford. 396 pages C\$39.99 approx.

**ANTIPILEPTIC DRUGS, FIFTH EDITION.** 2002. Edited by Rene H. Levy, Richard H. Mattson, Brian S. Meldrum, Emilio Perucca. Published by Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 900 pages C\$285.00 approx.

**BRAIN INJURY AND MENTAL RETARDATION. PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY AND NEUROPSYCHIATRY.** 2002. By C. Thomas Gualtieri. Published by Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. 528 pages C\$142.00 approx.

**CANCER NEUROLOGY IN CLINICAL PRACTICE.** 2002. Edited by David Schiff, Patrick Y. Wen. Published by The Humana Press. 650 pages C\$280.00 approx.

**CLINICAL ELECTROMYOGRAPHY, THIRD EDITION. NERVE CONDUCTION STUDIES.** 2002. By Shin J. Oh. Published by Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. 816 pages C\$240.00 approx.

**CLINICAL NEUROPHYSIOLOGY, SECOND EDITION.** 2002. Edited by Jasper R. Daube. Published by Oxford University Press. 680 pages C\$218.95 approx.

**CLINICAL PAIN MANAGEMENT: ACUTE PAIN.** 2002. Edited by Andrew S.C. Rice, Carol A. Warfield, Douglas Justins, Christopher Eccleston. Published by Oxford University Press. 533 pages C\$125.00 approx.

**CLINICAL PAIN MANAGEMENT: CANCER PAIN.** 2002. Edited by Andrew S.C. Rice, Carol A. Warfield, Douglas Justins, Christopher Eccleston. Published by Oxford University Press. 427 pages C\$125.00 approx.

**CLINICAL PAIN MANAGEMENT: CHRONIC PAIN.** 2002. Edited by Andrew S.C. Rice, Carol A. Warfield, Douglas Justins, Christopher Eccleston. Published by Oxford University Press. 696 pages C\$125.00 approx.

**CLINICAL PAIN MANAGEMENT: PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS & PROCEDURES.** 2002. Edited by Andrew S.C. Rice, Carol A. Warfield,

Douglas Justins, Christopher Eccleston. Published by Oxford University Press. 632 pages C\$125.00 approx.

**CORTEX AND MIND UNIFYING COGNITION.** 2002. By Joaquin M. Fuster. Published by Oxford University Press. 320 pages C\$87.50 approx.

**DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM THIRD EDITION. VOLUMES I AND II.** 2002. Edited by Arthur K. Asbury, Guy M. McKhann, W. Ian McDonald, Peter J. Goadsby, Justin C. McArthur. Published by Cambridge University Press. 3264 pages C\$580.00 approx.

**HUMAN SEXUALITY.** 2003. By Simon LeVay, Sharon M. Valente. Published by Sinauer Associates, Inc. 696 pages C\$138.00 approx.

**INTENSIVE CARE IN NEUROSURGERY.** 2003. Edited by Brian T. Andrews. Published by Thieme. 256 pages C\$200.00 approx.

**MYASTHENIA GRAVIS AND RELATED DISORDERS.** 2002. Edited by Henry J. Kaminski. Published by The Humana Press. 396 pages C\$198.00 approx.

**NEUROGENETICS: METHODS AND PROTOCOLS. METHODS IN MOLECULAR BIOLOGY VOLUME 217.** 2002. Edited by Nicholas T. Potter. Published by The Humana Press. 408 pages C\$197.00 approx.

**NEUROLOGY FOR THE BOARDS. SECOND EDITION.** 2002. By James D. Geyer, Janice M. Keating, Daniel C. Potts. Published by Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. 352 pages C\$78.00 approx.

**OLFACTION, TASTE AND COGNITION.** 2002. Edited by Catherine Rouby, Benoist Schaal, Daniele Dubois, Remi Gervais, A. Holley. Published by Cambridge University Press. 462 pages C\$150.00 approx.

**PRINCIPLES OF CORTICOSTEROID THERAPY.** 2002. Edited by Andrew N. Lin, Stephen A. Paget. Published by Oxford University Press. 465 pages C\$149.50 approx.

**SPIKING NEURON MODELS. SINGLE NEURONS, POPULATIONS, PLASTICITY.** 2002. By Wulfram Gerstner, Werner Kistler. Published by Cambridge University Press. 480 pages C\$64.00 approx.

**THE NEUROPSYCHIATRY OF EPILEPSY.** 2002. Edited by Michael R. Trimble, E. Bettina Schmitz. Published by Cambridge University Press. 350 pages C\$88.00 approx.

## Book Reviews

**CLINICAL NEUROLOGY OF THE OLDER ADULT.** 2002. Editors: Joseph I. Sirven, Barabar L. Malamut. Published by Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. 558 pages. C\$103.00 approx.

There is long-standing interest in the interface between neurology and geriatrics. In the 19th century J.M. Charcot gave a series of clinical lectures on the diseases of old age. Neurological diseases commonly bedevil older patients. A concise yet comprehensive overview of geriatric neurology would be an

appreciated addition to the medical literature. Sirven and Malamut try to fill this niche with indifferent results.

The book aims to be a practical guide to the neurological illnesses of older patients. It has 64 contributors. Having such a number of authors leads to a disjointed writing style and inconsistencies in the quality of chapters. Many of the contributors are quite junior (six are residents or fellows). Good textbooks allow you to benefit from the insight of experienced clinicians. They can filter data, determine what should inform clinical practice, and ultimately refine it to the gist.