

## Book Reviews

### **MIDDLE EAR AND MASTOID SURGERY**

Rex S. Haberman II (ed.)  
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This multi-author book covers all the routine operations to the external auditory canal, middle ear and mastoid. The text begins with basic chronic ear surgery and progresses to cover some unusual external ear problems and finishes with the more uncommon labyrinthectomy, middle ear and implantation surgery.

Each chapter stresses the author's personal technique for the operation. There is, however, a balanced discussion of the relative merits of the procedure as compared to other techniques for the same condition. As there appears to be a blend of established consultants and 'newer blood', this book incorporates some of the newly introduced procedures with more time-honoured ones.

There is a useful section in the use of LASER in ear surgery. The section on basic neurotological procedures is a good taster for a trainee starting off in ENT. The section on implantation is likewise a useful introduction to the subject. A small criticism is that there is very little on methods to obliterate a mastoid cavity.

This book will be useful to Specialist Registrars at the beginning of their training and towards the end, as they work towards their exit examination.

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### **OTOSCLEROSIS AND STAPEDECTOMY: DIAGNOSIS, MANAGEMENT AND COMPLICATIONS**

Christopher de Souza, Michael E. Glasscock  
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This book, written by two leading senior otolaryngologists, represents a comprehensive review of the pathology, medical and surgical management of otosclerosis. There are excellent chapters on cochlear otosclerosis, the place of lasers, revision stapes surgery and the management of complications. The description of surgical technique is didactic but tries to incorporate the differing techniques of a number of surgeons in one description which is a difficult task and may confuse a junior surgeon. The illustrations are clear and relate closely to the text. The book is well researched with a good review of the literature available at the end of each chapter. At the end of the book there is an appendix quiz which would be very useful for surgeons studying for examination. In the summary this is a masterful treatise on the subject which should be on the bookshelf of any surgeon performing stapedectomy, or act as a reference for those dipping into the subject. I enjoyed its clear style and reading the book will broaden even the most senior surgeon's knowledge.

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