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BOOK REVIEW

Title: THE KNEE JOINT
Author: Philip J. Evans
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This is a pocket guide to the examination of the knee and according to its author, is designed for medical students and junior orthopaedic surgeons in training. Any author will sympathise with his comments about the time this book took to write but I am afraid I have to say he should have taken longer.

The first part of the book purports to describe the normal movements of the knee. The frequent quotes from major works are often so incomplete as to be incomprehensible in isolation and the absent labelling of the majority of the diagrams renders them valueless. In the section on the clinical examination, there are so many errors of fact that they cannot be put down to sloppy proof reading, which is however also in evidence. This is perhaps best illustrated by the claim that the direction of abnormal movement in the positive Mackintosh test is anterior whereas it is in fact posterior. It is this reviewer's view that the book requires extensive revision.

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BOOK REVIEW

Title: COMMON FOOT DISORDERS (2nd Edition)
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The publication of the second edition of *Common Foot Disorders* has produced an update and expansion to a useful textbook. Practitioners involved in diagnosis and management of foot-related pathologies will find this text an essential first reference book. Sections on materials, pharmacology and clinical medicine have been revised to present current practice. New sections on clinical pharmacology, clinical therapeutics and sports injuries will give an insight into the changing structure and depth of chiropodial education and practice.

As with other texts covering many subjects, some areas are inadequately represented. Others are reinforced with good reference lists. Practical guidance on diagnosis, treatment and management is given to a greater or lesser degree.

Students of chiropody, podiatry and related professions, will find this book a useful guide to the study of common foot disorders.

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