



## BOOK REVIEW

INSECTS AND DISEASE. K. R. Snow. 1974. Halsted Press a Division of John Wiley and Sons, Inc., New York. 208 p. \$9.50. This book was presented as an attempt to bring together aspects of insect vectors and disease organisms. The author stated that it is not a reference book, and in this I agree since there are no literature citations for the information presented. This limits its usefulness because mistakes cannot be checked nor can information be verified.

Many of the drawings presented in the text are not in sufficient detail to illustrate the key characteristics needed to identify the species represented. This is particularly true of the mosquitoes, fly larvae, lice and, to a degree, the fleas. The book is not current in control recommendations. Many times DDT and other compounds are given as control measures, yet these chemicals are no longer legal treatments in the United States.

The information may be useful for individuals from other fields as an introduction to Medical Entomology. I cannot recommend it for Medical or Veterinary Entomologists since there are other texts which would be more useful.

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