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Clinical Parasitology, 9th Edition, Beaver, P.C., Jung, R. C., Cupp, E. W. Lea and Febiger, Philadelphia, 1984.

The North Americans have always been strong in parasitology; ever since they gave a high priority for funding to research in the biological sciences. Also parasites are often good models for basic research in biochemistry and immunology. This has resulted in a number of excellent textbooks in medical parasitology from the United States and a leader in this field has been Craig and Faust's Clinical Parasitology. This volume is the ninth edition of this textbook and it has been totally revised.

Today many professions other than medical practitioners consult such books and find value in them so that a review such as this is somewhat a matter of personal preference. The reviewer will certainly use this book in the future as a source reference since the references cited are carefully assembled and accurate. Before he was inclined to David Belding's Clinical

Parasitology (1965 Appleton Century Crofts) for the same reason. Fortunate indeed is the colleague who has access to both these books. They provide key references to the achievements of workers in understanding protozoa and helminths in the last half Century. The book is bound to resist hard use and the illustrations are carefully chosen and clear. As the section on Coccidia illustrates the book is well up to date. Although it would mean changing the traditional title this is really a book on Medical Parasitology. As in previous editions the clinical sections received a much more elementary treatment than the strict parasitological aspects. However it is invidious to carp because the authors have given us such a valuable reference book. Another pleasant aspect is that it is a permanent record of the remarkable dedicated career of the senior author who has also been such an effective editor of the American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.

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