
Book Reviews . . .

Traces Carefully

While it traces carefully and clearly the interaction between child health and social change, I have two major criticisms of this work. Firstly, the development of paediatric hospitals has been relegated to a fairly minor role in the first Appendix. Although child health changes often receive their initial impetus from outside the hospital setting, it seems artificial to completely delete a discussion of their development within the community.

Dull

Secondly, the style of the book was dull. With the careful clinical analytical approach, it lost much of the excitement of which history is made. The book consequently took a long time to read (despite my interest in the subject) and did not sustain my attention.

"Tears Often Shed" is a valuable factual account of child health for Australia's first 130 years. Because it demonstrates clearly the inter-relationship between social change and child health, it is of value to both social workers and paediatricians, as well as other health care professionals. It is a most useful reference work for libraries. I would not recommend its purchase at this price to the casual interested reader because of its dull analytical approach.

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"COMMON SENSE ABOUT BABIES AND CHILDREN"

By Dr. Hugh Jolly,

170 pages,

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A major concern of people in the helping professions has been with child care and more recently with the education of parents in the care of their children. There is an increasing awareness that the task of "parenting" is not just "doing what comes naturally", rather it is a task requiring skills that can be learned and improved.

"Commonsense about babies and children" has been written primarily for parents and will be of interest to others involved in the upbringing and education of children. It should provide easy and compelling reading for anyone caring permanently or temporarily for children.

The book begins with a full and informative list of contents that clearly indicates the scope of the work and enables the reader to easily find his way around the book. The language is lucid and simple and there is an attempt to avoid the use of medical jargon.

5 Areas

Dr Jolly divides his book into 5 broad areas covering life before