

BOEKBESPREKINGS : BOOK REVIEWS

X-RAY STUDIES OF THE GRAVID UTERUS

Radiologic Studies of the Gravid Uterus. By P. A. Bishop, M.D. Pp. xvii + 279. Illustrated. \$14.50. New York: Hoeber Medical Division, Harper & Row Publishers. 1965.

The purpose of this book 'is to describe and especially illustrate some of the useful information to be gained by proper radiologic studies of the gravid uterus'.

There are two introductory chapters on 'radiation hazards' and 'technical considerations' but the main text of the book consists of some 250 illustrations, mainly radiographs of normal and abnormal pregnancy, together with a description of the radiological findings, their interpretation and value. There is much information on obstetric radiography not easily available in any other form and practically all aspects of obstetrics in which radiology is of value have been covered. Some of the detail of the X-ray has been lost in reproduction and the value of the book would have been greatly enhanced if the illustrations had been larger. It would then have provided an excellent source of teaching material for both undergraduates

and postgraduates. The book can be recommended for those who wish to revise or extend their knowledge of obstetric radiology.
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CLINICAL DIAGNOSIS IN LABOUR

Clinical Diagnosis in Labour. By R. H. J. Hamlin, O.B.E., M.A. (Hons.), M.B., Ch.B. (N.Z.), F.R.C.O.G. Pp. xii + 178. Illustrated. R2.00. Edinburgh: E. & S. Livingstone Ltd. 1965.

This is a stimulating little book preaching thorough clinical examination during the first two stages of labour in an attempt to bring down maternal and foetal mortality to the irreducible minimum. An orderly and well-tried plan with special emphasis on rectal findings is presented for early diagnosis and management of disproportion, borderline cases of contracted pelvis and abnormal foetal presentations. Instructive references to classical teachings and illustrative case histories also feature in this treatise.
B.G.B.