

BOOK REVIEWS

Dictionary of Optometry: Michel Millodot, O.D., Ph.D., F.B.C.O., F.A.A.O. Butterworth's, London, 1986. 190 pp, over 2,500 terms. £12.50

This small dictionary must be considered as a companion volume to the same author's *Dictionnaire de la Science de la Vision*, which has a multidisciplinary objective. This second work is directed to the Profession of Optometry and contains a far greater number of terms. It is solely in English while the first work is in French with an English Index appended.

The reader should not be misled by the title into thinking that the book is restricted exclusively to "optometric" terminology. It is not. It covers all disciplines which are in one way or another directly or indirectly related to optometric training and practice. Thus, terms relevant to Optometry, Optics, Lenses, Physiological Optics, Psychology, Anatomy, Neurology, Pharmacology, Instrumentation and equipment, Ergonomics, Systemic and Ocular Disease will be found in their appropriate alphabetical order.

Not only are basic terms well and clearly defined, but synonyms are included as well, with cross referencing indicated. To further facilitate retrieval, there are long lists of specific examples under general headings. For example, following a brief definition of the word, "theory", there are some 30 specific examples, from "Bielchowsky's Theory" to "Zeeman's Theory"; 24 under "corneal" ("Corneal bedewing" to "corneal ulcer") and some 20 under "disease" ("Basedow's Disease" to "Tay-Sachs Disease").

The book is paperbacked with a stiff, glossy cover. The text is well printed on a good quality, matt finished paper. At 250 gm and 21.6×13.8 cm, it is neither heavy nor cumbersome. Students and office assistants should find it a useful reference. Practitioners will find it not only a Dictionary, but a useful text for Continuing Education or as a memory freshener.

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