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Handbook of Autopsy Practice, 3rd Edition, *Edited by* Jurgen Ludwig. Hard Bound, 8.5" x 11". Humana Press Inc., 999 Riverview Drive, Suite 208, Totowa, New Jersey 07512; Publication Date 10 July, 2002. 592 pages, ISBN 1-58829-169-3 (acid-free Paper). Price $149.50

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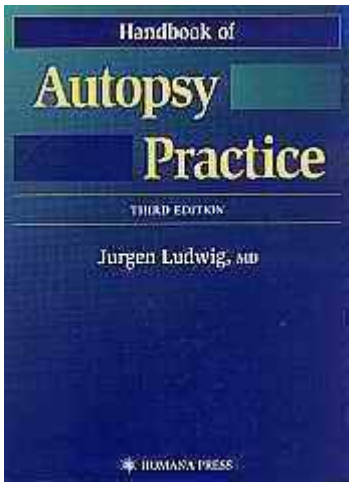

We keep receiving books for review from various publishers. However some books are of such paramount importance that we at the journal office thought one review may not be able to do justice

to that book. One opinion may be slanted, perhaps by the individual tastes and preferences of the reviewer. Reviewers from different continents, nations, even different parts of the same nation may perceive a book differently. Why not send books to two or more different reviewers and get their opinion. We requested several publishers to do that and they obliged.

From Volume 3, Number 1, January - June 2002, we started reviews of certains books of paramount importance as "featured books". The first book to be featured on our journal was Ecotoxicology: The Study of Pollutants in Ecosystems by F. Moriarty (Published by Academic Press). Review of that book, as well as the combined index of reviews of all featured books can be accessed by clicking here.

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This time we sent Handbook of Autopsy Practice edited by Jurgen Ludwig (Published by Humana Press), to three reviewers from two different continents. All of them are leading lights in their subjects and are widely respected all over the world. Two reviewers are from India, who read the book jointly to produce a single review. The third reviewer is from UK, who is a very respected - now retired - forensic pathologist.

The reviewers were not only requested to send us detailed reviews, but were asked to rate this book on a scale of ten. The following rating scale was provided to the reviewers.

0: Waste of time
1: Of minimal interest
2: Of little interest
3: Of some interest
4: Slightly below average
5: Average
6: Slightly above average
7: Good
8: Very Good
9: Excellent
10: Truly Outstanding

Here are both the reviews - with ratings.

Review 1 by Puneet Setia and Avneesh Gupta, India

Review 2 by Sivaloganathan, UK

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