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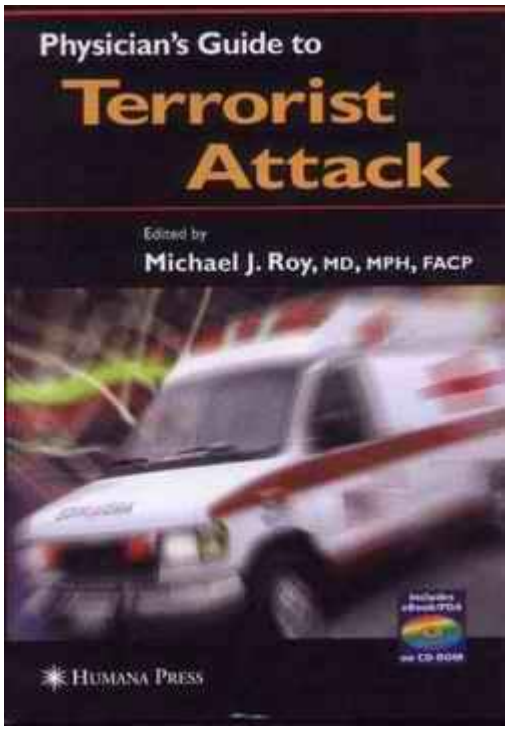
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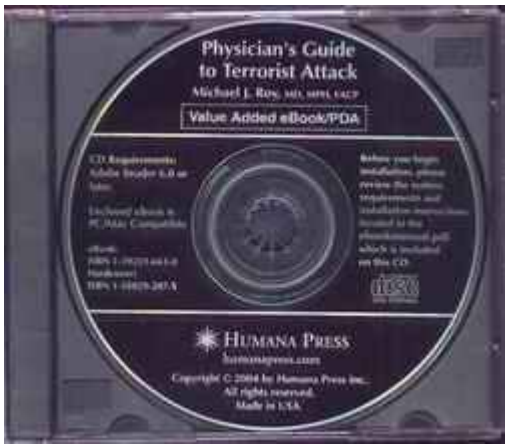
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Physician's Guide to Terrorist Attack, 1 st Edition, (includes eBook/PDA on CD-Rom) *Edited by* Michael J. Roy. Hard Bound, 7 " x 10".
Humana Press Inc., 999 Riverview Drive, Suite 208, Totowa, New Jersey 07512; Publication Date 27 October, 2003. xvi + 405 pages, ISBN 1-58829-207-X (Hardback, acid-free Paper), E-ISBN 1-59259-663-0. Price $99.50

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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 a number of books to different reviewers. The first one that we sent this time for featured review was Handbook of Autopsy Practice edited by Jurgen Ludwig (Published by Humana Press). This book was sent to three reviewers from two different continents, and was published at page 2 of this journal. The second title to be featured was Medicinal Plants of the World (Vol 2):

Chemical Constituents, Traditional and Modern Medicinal Uses by Ivan A. Ross. This book was reviewed by two different reviewers, and was published at page 4 of this journal.

Here is the third featured review of this issue. This is an excellent book by Michael J. Roy accompanied by a CD, containing the full text of the book in a pdf file. The book (and accompanying CD) was sent to no less than four different reviewers from three different continents - Margaret Stark and Jason Payne James of UK, John Gall of Australia and Bryan Chrz of USA.

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 all the four reviews - with ratings, and much more. There are exclusive extracts from the book and an exclusive interview with Roy himself! Click the links below to visit these.

Review 1 by Margaret Stark, UK

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Review 3 by John Gall, Australia

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