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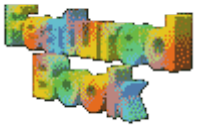

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Rating : 8.0
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Clinical Forensic Medicine - A Physician's Guide, 2nd Edition, *Edited by* Margaret M. Stark. Hard Bound, 6" x 9". [Includes eBook/PDA on CD-ROM]. Foreword by Sir John Stevens, former Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Service, London, UK
Humana Press Inc., 999 Riverview Drive, Suite 208, Totowa, New Jersey 07512; Publication Date: 11 April 2005. xvii + 438 pages, ISBN 1-58829-368-8, E-ISBN 1-59259-913-3. List price US $99.50 (10% discount with online order).

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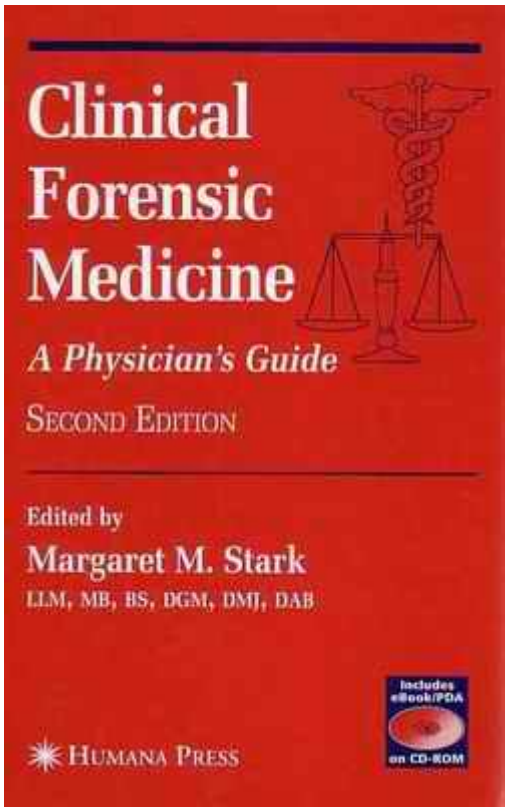

The book under review reflects the experience of the authors in dealing with the living victims of various criminal offences on the humanity. It has covered all the situations, which a police surgeon or an emergency medical officer needs to know to tackle them. The book has covered all these topics in such a simple way that a clinical forensic medicine practitioner or forensic physician will find no difficulty in understanding and tackling them. It has covered widely from history of clinical forensic medicine and simple injuries to complex issues of problems of detainees. It tells us how to tackle the complex situations. Non-accidental injuries to the children are very vividly described and after reading it, one will never miss these when such injuries are encountered.

The book has highlighted that detainees and prisoners on drug abuse need careful handling to avoid with drawl symptoms in them. It has described informatively about crowd controlling agents, and treatment of their adverse affects. Description of examination of sexual assault victims and collection of samples of forensic value is marvelous. Warning about taking care of infections in detainees and persons handling them is very truthful and which is mostly ignored. It has made simple the examination of the drivers who consume liquor by telling about the instructions and procedure in a simple manner. In case of custodial deaths, it rightly points out that natural diseases must not be looked over and should be understood in the right perspective not to unduly point out the accusing finger at the persons responsible for the custody of the person. It strikes a balance between the rights of the detainees and duties of the persons responsible for detaining them.

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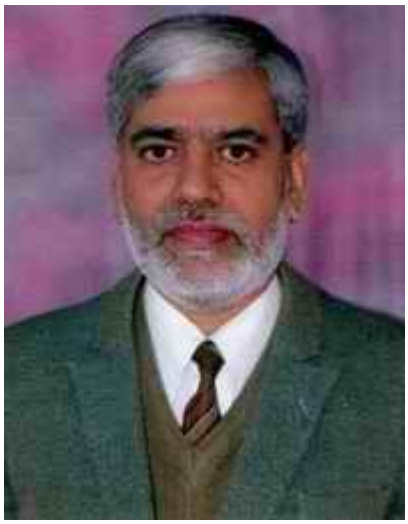
The language used in the book is so interesting that once you start reading it, you feel like finishing it on the same day. Though it has described the practices in UK, still I feel it will be very useful to students and doctors interested in clinical forensic medicine all over the world.

-Dr. R.K.Gorea



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