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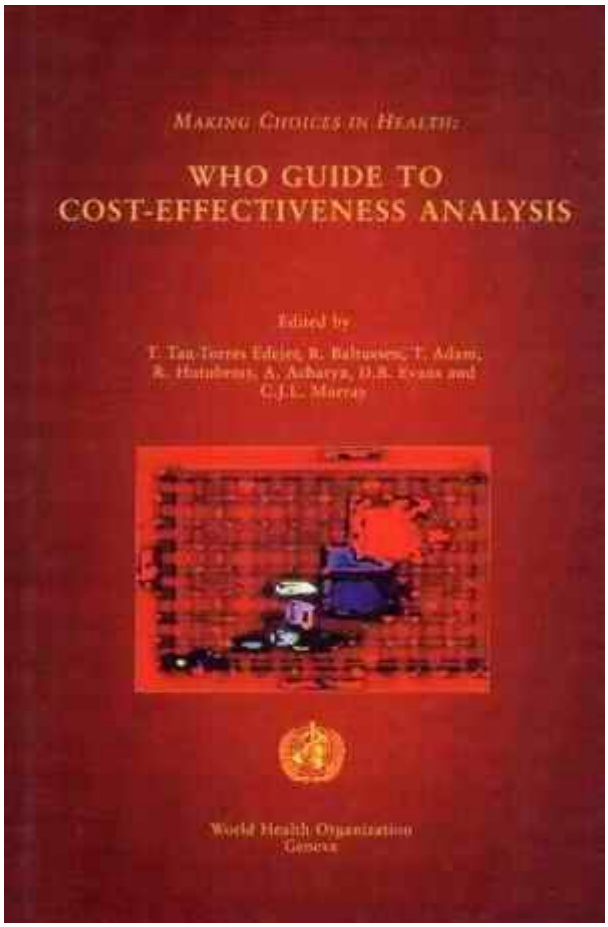
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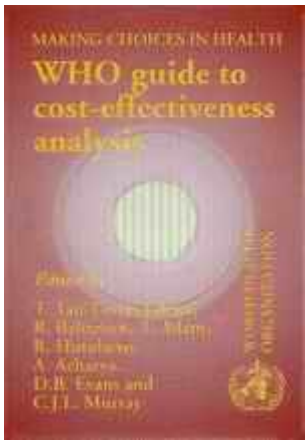
From Volume 3, Number 1, January - June 2002, we started reviews of certains books of paramount importance as "featured books". The first book to be featured on our journal was Ecotoxicology: The Study of Pollutants in Ecosystems by F. Moriarty (Published by Academic Press). Review of that book, as well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

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In our last issue we published as many as three reviews in the featured books category (of these two were in the technical books section, and one in the popular books section. In this issue, we are continuing this trend.

This time we sent Making Choices in Health: WHO Guide to Cost-Effectiveness Analysis edited by T. Tan-Torres Edejer, R. Baltussen, T. Adam, R. Hutubessy, A. Acharya, D.B. Evans and C.J.L. Murray (Published by World Health Organization), to three reviewers - all in different stages of their medical careers. The first review is by a team of two experts, formerly senior residents in the department of community medicine, Maulana Azad Medical College, and currently pursuing higher studies in the US (Dr. Rahul Malhotra and Dr. Chetna Malhotra), and the third is a faculty member (Dr. G.S. Meena). The idea was to see how medical personnel in their different stages of formative careers (from student to faculty level) perceive this book.

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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. As can be seen, all three reviewers gave the book a very high rating.

Review 1 by Dr. Rahul Malhotra and Dr. Chetna Malhotra, US [Formerly Senior Residents, Community Medicine. Currently pursuing research in the US]

Review 2 by Dr. G.S. Meena, India [Professor, Community Medicine]

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