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Abstract : The third edition of Nalbandov's well known book follows the same pattern as the previous editions. It covers much the same ground as the 1958 and 1964 editions [see ABA 27,

876]. Indeed, it is surprising how much of the original text has been retained; the present edition has been considerably enlarged by the introduction of new material. This is reflected in the increased number of pages and the smaller (but still readable) print. The twelve chapters deal respectively with the following subjects: the structure of the male and female reproductive systems; the endocrinology of reproduction; reproduction in females; ovariectomy and corpora lutea; hormones of reproduction (by Brian Cook of Glasgow Infirmary); reproduction in males; the germ cells; the young embryo; efficiency of reproduction; pregnancy, parturition and lactation; and fertility and sterility. Of particular interest are the chapters dealing with the interlocking of the endocrine and nervous systems. The role of the adrenal glands in reproduction is not considered, but is not yet well enough defined, but the effects and interactions of other endocrine glands and their relationships with the hypothalamus, are closely examined. Where appropriate, separate sections are devoted to avian species - mainly the domestic fowl. Mammals such as sheep and cattle are particularly well represented in the later chapters. An excellent chapter by Cook deals mainly with the chemical nature of hormones, the technique of radioimmunoassay, and the mechanism of hormone action. A feature repeatedly emphasised in the book is the existence of differences between the endocrinology of reproduction, and hence the danger of extrapolating from one species to another. The gaps that still exist in our knowledge of hormonal and neuroendocrine mechanisms are shown to be surprisingly large. In some cases, Nalbandov offers suggestions regarding the mechanisms at work, while in others he is content to draw attention to subjects requiring further study. As in the previous editions, the number of statements is limited (which could be frustrating for the research worker), but each chapter is followed by a short list of "selective reading". Only about half a dozen typographical errors of any importance were noticed, but it would be advisable in future editions, to correct the left-hand diagram in Figure 2-2, where the uterus is labeled "ureter" and the ureter "uterus". Very little space is devoted to the physiology of spermatozoa or of ova, and, in the short section on the preservation of semen (p. 238), no mention is made of the use of liquid nitrogen for this purpose. While it is drawn to the potential value of hormonal synchronisation of oestrus (p. 161), no hint is made of the fact that oestrus synchronisation is already an established practice in sheep. In a discussion of so-called "bizarre" phenomena related to the female reproductive cycle, reference is made to the "Whitten effect" and the "Bruce effect", but no hint is given of the large amount of experimental work that has been done on these and similar phenomena since they were first discovered. In spite of what has been said above, students and research workers will find this book of great value, not least for drawing attention to the many problems still to be resolved. A.P. Gray

ADDITIONAL ABSTRACT: Most systems - respiratory, diges

circulatory for example - are roughly similar in different species but there is interspecies diversity of the reproductive systems in females; in males, the more uniform. It follows that generalizations cannot justifiably be made from single species; reasoning based on what happens in the rat has too often been discussions of reproduction in other species. The author tried not to "submerge the reader in the minutiae that are important to the mature specialist but distracting and puzzling to the beginner." In this he has succeeded but, although the book is useful to students, graduates working in this field will also find it useful. Reference lists are plentiful and this is deliberate and, many would say, praiseworthy. The writing is well arranged: after preliminary chapters on basic facts, it covers reproduction in males and females, ovarian function, endocrine glands, growth of the egg, and preparation for parturition. A useful short chapter on sterility completes a satisfactory book.

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