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Energy balance and obesity in man.

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Abstract : This is an important book, very well written, highly persuasive, and provides the basic as well as the practical information necessary for an understanding of the problem of obesity. The trouble about 'obesity' is that it produces emotional reactions in people who then rationalize these reactions from a literature which will provide the evidence desired. In medical science, there can be few pursuits which affect so many numbers of people with such little effect as the investigation and treatment of obesity. Few things are as satisfying to the intellectual academic as a problem which has a prospect of application in a real-life situation, and this may explain the large

contradictory literature on obesity. In a slightly lengthy introduction, Dr. Garro into his positive interpretation of this mass of confusing information. The book comprehensively the different methods used to measure energy intake and expenditure in man, the theories of control of energy intake, the part played by physical energy expenditure, and the variable composition of the human body in relation to how this can be measured. The final section is concerned with the difficult and complex problems of how to diagnose and classify an obese patient, and the various methods of treatment with a critique of their likely effectiveness. My only serious criticism of this excellent book is that, possibly because the author has apparently become interested in 'obesity' only comparatively recently, his interpretation frequently seems biased and somewhat selective. There are occasional errors, some of which are minor, and which are used to produce unwarranted conclusions. Some classical physiological literature, highly relevant to aspects of energy balance, seems to have been omitted by the author. There is an apparently uncritical acceptance of certain published papers, and a rather abrupt dismissal of other papers, without appropriate justification other than that they do not fit with the author's arguments. I read this book with an exasperating alternation between admiration for the uncommon sense of Dr. Garrow and irritation at the unconvincing evidence he uses to back up some of the arguments. Nevertheless, I have no hesitation in recommending this book. Certain sections are excellent, dispassionately and stimulatingly written. I was particularly impressed with the chapter on 'energy stores: their composition and measurement and control', where Dr. Garrow's first-hand experience is clearly evident. This is an expensive book, but well produced and usefully illustrated. There is a very good list of references, which is almost as comprehensive as one would desire. To my mind, this is by far the best book on 'energy balance in man'. Everyone involved in the study of obesity should read it. One's enjoyment of this clear account of a complex problem will not be diminished by a slight reserve in the acceptance of the author's more speculative statements. J.V.G.A. Durnin.

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