be overlooked. Thus sections on the limitations of ultrasound in intraocular and orbital diagnosis would have benefited from expansion.

An excellent final chapter on axial length measurement and intraocular lens implant power calculation summarises the diversity of equipment, formulae, and opinions. An appendix of conversion tables of microseconds to millimetres in ocular tissue (lens, vitreous, and aqueous) follows the final chapter.

In summary, this book is well presented, and the examination techniques used are clearly explained. Any grey-scale deficiencies in published B scans reflect the inadequacies of the commercially available mechanical sector scanners. It is refreshing to note that most of the examinations from which photographs have been published have been performed by the author. The book is suitable for those starting out in ophthalmic ultrasound, and gives the author’s opinions on the best way to examine various conditions. It will allow beginners a basis for forming their own opinions on their techniques of choice.


Any attempt to relieve the public of some of its misconceptions about eyes and spectacles is to be welcomed, and the children’s book under consideration is undoubtedly an attempt towards this end. It seemed appropriate that those particularly dealing with children, namely orthoptists, might be asked for their comments, and, as would be expected, these proved to be very pertinent. It was strongly felt that the reference to ‘weak eyes’ was inappropriate and the punitive image of teachers who make the poorly sighted sit in front of the class hardly helpful. Confusion arises between a visit to the opticians and being met by doctors, while it is also legitimate to wonder if the use of dyslectic style lettering in the final picture is appropriate in a text designed for reading learners.

It is regretted that, although the book is certainly written in an amusing and sympathetic style, which is the aim of the series, the present example can only be regarded as having scored at best an ‘outer.’ Sad, for a little more consultation might well have produced a very worthy bullseye.

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