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Parasites of Humans

Will Rogers once wrote Will Durant that there seems to be no way to keep people from writing books. But if the high quality of the flood of textbooks in parasitology continues, even more of them will be welcome. Americans are rapidly becoming "parasite conscious" as American citizens are going to all parts of the world and to many places famous for diseases caused or transmitted by animal parasites.

This latest book is a brief account of important human animal parasites and the diseases they cause. There are two sections: one is general considerations and the other is infections caused by protozoa, flukes, tapeworms, nematodes, and arthropods. The information is modern and written so that very little zoological information is required of the reader. The illustrations are a departure from what might be anticipated in that most of them are photographs. The part, of slightly more than fifty pages, dealing with infection, epidemiology, natural resistance and acquired immunity, diagnosis, specific therapy, and prophylaxis, deserves special mention, for these topics are handled in superb fashion. The entire book is of high quality in content and appearance and is intended for medical students and physicians.—Carl E. Venard.