
The Science Book of Wonder Drugs. *Donald G. Cooley.* Cardinal Edition, Pocket Books Inc., New York. 1954. 238 pp. \$0.35.

The book is written in a clear and easy to read style, and would be of especial benefit to the layman or others with little biological background. The drugs and other materials discussed are chiefly those which have been discovered or employed in medicine since 1935 and include the following: sulfas, antibiotics, the "wonder" hormones, enzymes, antihistamines, and several other groups of lesser importance. Other chapters deal with bacteria, viruses, and cancer. Simple explanations are presented in discussing various modes of action of the drugs such as the competitive inhibition of enzyme systems. Several diagrams and tables are included.

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