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From School Library Journal

Grade 9 Up-This alphabetically arranged volume presents agents of infectious diseases, the illnesses themselves, associations affiliated with prevention and study of diseases, and explanations of the drugs used to treat the conditions. The explanations are clear and informative and include sufficient cross-references. The six appendixes give additional information on the drugs used for treatment and their side effects, directions for home disinfection, names and addresses of health organizations, hot lines, health publications, and infectious disease-related Web sites. An up-to-date bibliography completes this title, which would be an excellent addition to reference collections.

Carol DeAngelo, Kings Park Library, Burke, VA
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Medical writer Turkington and physician Ashby have produced "a guide and reference to a wide range of infectious diseases and their causes." Their dictionary-type guide lists over 600 entries about the diseases, what causes them, symptoms, treatment, and prevention. Six appendixes identify drugs used in treating infectious diseases, tips for disinfecting the home, web sites, hotlines, journals, and health organizations. An extensive bibliography provides additional sources. For academic and medical libraries, Mandell, Douglas and Bennett's *Principles and Practice of Infectious Diseases* (Churchill, 1995. 4th ed.) is the major textbook on this topic. Designed for lay readers, this typical Facts on File reference is written in a very readable style and includes many cross references. Highly recommended for consumer health/patient education collections. AMary J. Jarvis, Pampa, TX
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The recent advent of the SARs virus proves the validity of a statement in the introduction to this title, which says "new viruses may still appear." Although SARs is too recent to be included among the infectious diseases in this second edition (updating a volume that was published in 1998), others that have emerged in the last five years, including West Nile virus, are here. The alphabetically arranged volume covers diseases, treatment options, and relevant organizations. Comprehensive information is provided for each disease and includes its cause, symptoms, treatment, and prevention. Major diseases that have had an impact on the world's population (tuberculosis, AIDs) are covered in depth and include a history. This feature makes the volume useful to researchers and students.

New to this edition are articles on bioterrorism risks and the West Nile virus. Other entries have been updated to include new information. Charts and information boxes, including several on food safety, appear throughout the book. Appendixes include a list of drugs used to treat infectious diseases and a guide to home disinfection. There is also a bibliography and a topical list of organizations.

The readable text and the clear organization of information make this a useful title for secondary-school and public libraries. It will also be useful in consumer health and patient education collections. *RBB*
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