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A Journal of the Plague Year, by DANIEL DEFOE, ed. with an introduction by LOUIS LANDA, London, Oxford University Press, 1969, pp. xlii, 298, 35s.

This well-produced edition of one of the classics of plague literature is notable for its excellent and most informative introduction by Professor Louis Landa of Princeton University. This places the *Journal* clearly in its contemporary context, linked with the epidemic at Marseilles of 1721, but also showing how Defoe's somewhat obsessive fears went back as early as 1709. The editor has also provided ample annotations to the text, which is that of the first edition, together with a supplementary 'medical note' and a list of topographical references. As one would expect from the imprint, this is likely to be accepted as the standard edition of one of the most graphic accounts of plague epidemic ever written.

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