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James S Lee, *The underworld of the East: being eighteen years' actual experiences of the underworlds, drug haunts and jungles of India, China and the Malay archipelago*, introduction by Mike Jay, London, Green Magic, 2000, pp. 192, £9.99 (paperback 0-9536631-1-6). Distributed by Counter Culture, BCM Inspire, London WC1N 3XX.

Mike Jay has done historians of medicine, particularly those who write about drugs, self-experimentation, or indigenous medicines, an immense favour by saving James Lee's 1930 classic tale of drug use from obscurity. His introduction is helpful in placing Lee's book in its social context: when the Dangerous Drugs Act of 1920 came into force. Before the Act, it was possible to buy cocaine, marijuana, and heroin (but not synthetic party-drugs like ecstasy, amphetamines, or LSD) at the local chemist, without prescription.

Lee's memoirs follow his initial use of morphia, a drug to which he became addicted, but he remedied this addiction by swapping his dose with cocaine on the advice of his doctor. Lee also experimented with hashish—far superior to *ganja* and other cheaper forms of marijuana, he claims. He took numerous psychedelics, including some new ones found in the jungles of the East. His descriptions of these drugs and their effects could give credibility to the claims about drugs which some historians make, but—perhaps—are not based on personal experiences. It also makes us rethink some of our preconceptions about the “typical” drug user of the early-twentieth century.

Klaus-Dietrich Fischer, *Bibliographie des textes médicaux latins: antiquité et haut moyen âge, premier supplément 1986–1999*,

Université de Saint-Etienne, Centre Jean-Palmerie, 2000, pp. 62. Orders to: Centre Jean-Palmerie, 35 rue du Onze-Novembre, 42023 Saint-Etienne Cedex 2, France.

This supplement to the 1987 *Bibliographie*, containing over 150 entries, shows the continued growth of interest in Latin medical texts, especially from Late Antiquity. It refers to several first editions, particularly of anonymous sections drawn from more famous authors, e.g. Soranus. The most interesting new discovery is that of Byzantium (if that is his name), an early Byzantine author who survives for the most part in fragments of an early medieval Latin translation. Also important is a fragment of a (6th century?) Latin translation of Hippocrates' *Air, waters and places*. Scholars will be grateful to Professor Fischer for making so accessible the results of his and others' researches.

BOOKS ALSO RECEIVED

(The inclusion of a title does not preclude the possibility of subsequent review. Items received, other than those assigned for review, are ultimately incorporated into the collection of the Wellcome Library.)

Emily K Abel, *Hearts of wisdom: American women caring for kin, 1850–1940*, Cambridge, MA, and London, Harvard University Press, 2000, pp. ix, 326, £34.50 (hardback 0-674-00314-4).

Vincent Barras and Michel Porret (eds), *Homo criminalis: pratiques et doctrines médico-légales (XVI^e–XX^e siècles)*, *Equinoxe. Revue de Sciences Humaines*, autumn 1999, No. 22, pp. 143, SFr 33.00, FF 132.00 (2-940227-05-5).

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Peter Biller, *The measure of multitude: population in medieval thought*, Oxford University Press, 2000, pp. xxi, 476, illus., £35.00 (hardback 0-19-820632-1).

Jan Bondeson, *Buried alive: the terrifying history of our most primal fear*, New York and London, W W Norton, 2001, pp. 320, illus., £18.95 (hardback 0-393-04906-X).

Andrew Cunningham and Ole Peter Grell, *The four horsemen of the Apocalypse: religion, war, famine and death in Reformation Europe*, Cambridge University Press, 2000, pp. xiii, 360, illus., £42.50, \$64.95 (hardback 0-521-46135-9), £15.95, \$22.95 (paperback 0-521-46701-2).

Thomas M Daniel, *Pioneers in medicine and their impact on tuberculosis*, University of Rochester Press, 2000, pp. xv, 255, illus., £40.00, \$65.00 (hardback 1-58046-067-4).

Peter Dear, *Revolutionizing the sciences: European knowledge and its ambitions, 1500–1700*, Basingstoke, Palgrave, 2001, pp. viii, 208, £14.99 (paperback 0-333-71574-8).

Rebecca Flemming, *Medicine and the making of Roman women: gender, nature and authority from Celsus to Galen*, Oxford University Press, 2000, pp. xii, 453, £55.00 (hardback 0-19-924002-7).

Meyer Friedman, Gerald W Friedland, *Medicine's 10 greatest discoveries*, New Haven and London, Yale University Press, Yale Nota Bene Book, 2000, pp. xiii, 263, illus., £9.50, \$14.95 (paperback 0-300-08278-9).

L Gosteli, U Boschung, P Brosche (eds), *Astronom, Weltbürger, Blasensteinpatient. Franz Xaver von Zachs Briefe an Rudolf Abraham von Schiferli 1821–1832*, Gesnerus Supplement 45, Basel Schwabe, 1998, pp. 382.

Sylvelyn Hähner-Rombach, *Sozialgeschichte der Tuberkulose vom Kaiserreich bis zum Ende des Zweiten Weltkriegs unter besonderer Berücksichtigung Württembergs*, Medizin, Gesellschaft und Geschichte, Beiheft 14, Stuttgart, Franz Steiner, 2000, pp. 404, DM 136.00, SFR 136.00 (paperback 3-515-07669-7).

Hipòcrates, *Aforismes, traducció catalana medieval*, ed. Antònia Carré with Francesca Llorens, Textos i Estudis de Cultura Catalana 76, Barcelona, Curial Edicions Catalanes, Publicacions de l'Abadia de Montserrat, 2000, pp. 103 (paperback 84-8415-242-1).

Joan Lane, *A social history of medicine: health, healing and disease in England, 1750–1950*, London and New York, Routledge, 2001, pp. ix, 233, illus., £16.99 (paperback 0-415-20038-5).

Joan Lane, *The making of the English patient: a guide to sources for the social history of medicine*, Stroud, Sutton Publishing, 2000, pp. xv, 208, £25.00 (hardback 0-7509-2145-5).

Dawne McCance (ed.), *Hygieia: literature and medicine*, special issue of *Mosaic: a journal for the interdisciplinary study of literature*, 2000, vol. 33, no. 4, pp. viii, 208, illus., published by University of Manitoba, 208 Tier Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R3T 2N2 (fax: (204) 474 7584).

Jonathan D Moreno, *Undue risk: secret state experiments on humans*, New York and London, Routledge, 2001, pp. xx, 371, £11.95 (paperback 0-415-92835-4).

Biswamoy Pati and Mark Harrison (eds), *Health, medicine and empire: perspectives on colonial India*, New Perspectives in South Asian History 1, London, Sangam Books, 2001, pp. x, 408, £29.95 (hardback 0-86311-859-3).

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Nicolaas A Rupke (ed.), *Medical geography in historical perspective, Medical History*, Supplement No. 20, London, The Wellcome Trust Centre for the History of Medicine at UCL, 2000, pp. xii, 227, illus., £32.00, \$50.00 (hardback 0-85484-072-9).

Regina Morantz Sanchez, *Conduct unbecoming a woman: medicine on trial in turn-of-the-century Brooklyn*, New York, Oxford University Press, 2000, pp. xi, 292, £9.99 (paperback 0-19-513928-3).

Margarete Sandelowski, *Devises & desires: gender, technology, and American nursing*, Studies in Social Medicine, Chapel Hill and London, University of North Carolina Press, 2000, pp. xvii, 295, £29.96 (hardback 0-8078-2579-4), £13.50 (paperback 0-8078-4893-X).

Maria Michela Sassi, *The science of man in ancient Greece*, trans. Paul Tucker, Chicago and London, University of Chicago Press, 2001, pp. xxx, 224, illus., £21.50, \$34.00 (hardback 0-226-73530-3).

E M Tansey, D A Christie (eds), *Wellcome witnesses to twentieth century medicine, volume 3. Early heart transplant surgery in the UK*, the transcript of a Witness Seminar held at the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, London, on 10 June 1997, London, The Wellcome Trust, 1999, pp. iv, 72, £5.00, \$8.00 (paperback 1-841290-07-6).

E M Tansey, D A Christie (eds), *Wellcome Witnesses to twentieth century medicine, volume 4. Haemophilia: recent history of clinical management*, the transcript of a Witness Seminar held at the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, London, on 10 February 1998, London, The Wellcome Trust, 1999, pp. v, 90, £5.00, \$8.00 (paperback 1-841290-08-4).

E M Tansey, D A Christie (eds), *Wellcome witnesses to twentieth century medicine, volume 5. Looking at the unborn: historical aspects of obstetric ultrasound*, the transcript of a Witness Seminar held at the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, London, on 10 March 1998, London, The Wellcome Trust, 2000, pp. v, 80, £5.00, \$8.00 (paperback 1-841290-11-4).

E M Tansey, L A Reynolds (eds), *Wellcome witnesses to twentieth century medicine, volume 6. Post penicillin antibiotics: from acceptance to resistance?*, the transcript of a Witness Seminar held at the Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, London, on 12 May 1998, London, The Wellcome Trust, 2000, pp. vi, 71, £5.00, \$8.00 (paperback 1-84129-012-2).

John Harley Warner and Janet A Tighe (eds), *Major problems in the history of American medicine and public health: documents and essays*, Major Problems in American History Series, Boston and New York, Houghton Mifflin, 2001, pp. xix, 538, \$34.00 (paperback 0-395-95435-5).

John Wilkinson, *The medical history of the reformers: Luther, Calvin and Knox*, Edinburgh, Handsel Press, 2001, pp. viii, 120, illus., £9.95 (paperback 1-871828-60-0).

Renate Wilson, *Pious traders in medicine: a German pharmaceutical network in eighteenth-century North America*, Pennsylvania State University Press, 2000, pp. xiv, 258, \$37.50 (hardback 0-271-02052-0).

John Woodward and Robert Jütte (eds), *Coping with sickness: medicine, law and human rights—historical perspectives*, History of Medicine, Health and Disease series, Sheffield, European Association for the History of Medicine and Health Publications, 2000, pp. xii, 211, £24.95 (hardback 0-9536522-0-3).