

BOOK REVIEW

THE NAILS IN DISEASE

by

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It is a pleasure reviewing this book on "Nails" for more reasons than one. I had enjoyed reading the first edition. Peter Samman was one of my tutors at the Institute of Dermatology, St. John's Hospital for Disease of the Skin in London. He is the person who, together with White, described the "Yellow Nail Syndrome" in 1964.

The book surveys the range of nail changes to be found in local as well as systemic diseases. Much

of the description stems from the extensive experience the author has in the management of diseases affecting the nail. There are many good illustrations, some of these in colour. Although not meant to be a scholarly work, it is comprehensive enough to be used as a reference book for undergraduates. It is suitable reading material for dermatologists and physicians, and will become the most popular book on nails.

The cost of this little book (197 pages), at £10.00 net, has gone up a lot since the first edition and is a sign of our times!

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