The Malaria Exhibition compiled and created in The Wellcome Tropical Institute in 1987 was the origin of this book, which was intended to introduce public health and medical personal in the resurgent problem of malaria. The book was divided in five sections, dealing with historical aspects, present problems, the parasite, some epidemiological and social aspects, the vector biology and control with an Appendix of severe malaria.

It is a pleasant short book, well documented, with most of pertinent concepts and sections clearly exposed. The concise text with excellent drawings and pictures allow a gratifying and quick reading, in most sections.

An extensive revision of biology and ultrastructure of the parasite has been made, excessive and much more detailed than other pertinent sections such as “malaria in the community” or drug treatment. Some medical aspects of malaria are only briefly cited.

Despite some minor criticisms, the book achieved The Editor objectives and may be recommended as the first reading for the medical student involved with malaria problems. It is also important as an initial information source for all health care personal in underdeveloped countries.

The translation of this book in native languages, specially French, Portuguese or Spanish, will result in enhanced public with greater impact and much more efficient information as originally designed and is emphatically recommended.

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