

## BOOK REVIEW: THE YEAR IN ANAESTHESIA AND CRITICAL CARE

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This 430 page book is the first volume of a series providing up to date review articles covering a wide range of issues. The book's contents are arranged into four sections - Perioperative Care, Clinical Pharmacology, Monitoring and Equipment, and Critical Care.

The reviews are written by experts in their fields and provide an enjoyable read of an up to date account of a variety of issues. This is very practical for the busy clinician who would value a summary of the evidence about a particular topic without the need to review the literature personally.

The topics chosen for review are broad in nature ranging from Perioperative Fluid Therapy to New

Airway equipment. Most are clinically based and practically written.

The layout of each section looks at the latest major publications in each topic, describes the findings and then provides a critical analysis on what the publication adds to the knowledge of the topic. This is an engaging way of both learning about the subject itself, but I also found it instructive in learning how to interpret the literature in a meaningful way.

Altogether a good book for anyone wishing to know the latest literature on a particular area – check out the website for more details – highly recommended!  
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