

BOOK REVIEW

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A Review of Medico-Legal Investigation of Gunshot Wounds

REFERENCE: Fattah, Abdullah, *Medico-Legal Investigation of Gunshot Wounds*, J. B. Lippincott, Philadelphia, Pa., 1975, 272 pages, \$18.50.

There are a number of major defects in this book. They all stem from the author's lack of knowledge of the subject. He is obviously unfamiliar with weapons and ammunition. His handling of the wounding effects of firearms is superficial. There is no in-depth treatment of any important subject. What the author has done is to compile a number of well-known facts—and some errors—from many forensic sources. To this he has added generous padding, consisting of information only tenuously related to the subject of the book, and photographs of poor quality.

The whole subject of gunshot wounds is handled in a more concise and informative manner in a single chapter of some forensic textbooks. *To put it bluntly, save your money.*

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