BOOK REVIEW

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A Review of Dental Identification and Forensic Odontology

REFERENCE: Harvey, Warren, Dental Identification and Forensic Odontology, Henry Kimpton Publishers, London, 1976, 180 pages.

Warren Harvey, with the aid of his contributors, has accomplished a monumental task in assembling this comprehensive work on forensic odontology.

The book is well organized and illustrated, and it is written in a manner covering the entire field with a minimum of words. Although this is commendable, a more detailed expansion of some chapters would increase its value as a primary text for those just entering the field. This reviewer feels that one of its main values lies in the excellent and profuse references found at the end of each chapter, thereby allowing a more in-depth study of subjects of interest.

The chapters on bite marks and bite mark photography, alone, are well worth the price of this book. With the recent interest and awareness of bite marks it is gratifying to see this subject so completely covered.

This book provides a wealth of useful material for those in the field of forensic odontology and the allied disciplines and will be a welcome addition to one's library. To quote Keith Simpson's words found in the foreword, "It is a second Amoedo, an improved modern work that will undoubtedly do its editor and contributors much credit as it circulates the scientific world."

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