

BOOK REVIEW

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A Review of Comprehensive Index to the Journal of Forensic Sciences 1972-1986

REFERENCE: Dominguez, A. M., Ed., *Comprehensive Index to the Journal of Forensic Sciences 1972-1986*, ASTM, 1916 Race St., Philadelphia, PA 19103, 1987, \$69.00, 454 pp.

The title describes the contents of this most valuable book. To provide rapid access to a listing of all information published in the *Journal* on a specific topic, the editor and ASTM staff undertook the task of indexing all the contents of the *Journal* for the past 15 years, 1972 through 1986. With the publication of this comprehensive index, forensic scientists now have available a single reference source that will enable them to review the available literature on a specific subject in a minimum amount of time.

The contents of the comprehensive index publication feature a subject and author index. The subject index includes the title of the article, author and coauthors, issue date, and page number. It is subdivided alphabetically under existing categories, section headings, and keywords. The author index includes title of the article, coauthors, issue date, and page number, subdivided alphabetically. Book reviews and letters to the editor are included under subject, author, title, issue date, and page number. Letters to the editor provide an important adjunct to the index. It is a reflection of the reader's response to articles published and current thinking on subjects of timely interest to the forensic scientist.

The Editor states the intent of this index, and future indexes to the *Journal of Forensic Sciences*, is to provide a single convenient comprehensive reference for all disciplines within the forensic science specialty. Thus, the publication of this *Comprehensive Index to the Journal of Forensic Sciences 1972-1986* will provide a valuable resource for medical examiner's and coroner's offices, crime laboratories, medical/legal libraries, research institutions, the individual forensic scientist, and educational programs in the forensic sciences. I have found this index to be essential to my daily activities and I am sure the demand for the book will be great.

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