

BOOK REVIEW

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Review of: *Dental Functional Morphology, How Teeth Work*

REFERENCE: Lucas PW. *Dental functional morphology, how teeth work*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge UK, 2004, 355 pp.

This is a nicely done text that may be of more interest to the anthropological community than the practicing odontologist. According to the author's preface, "the overall intention is to provide a fundamental analysis of the feeding apparatus of mammals."²

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² Preface, on px.

Undergraduate dental education expends one or more courses on dental morphogenesis and histology, covering the topics within this text in depth. Anthropology undergraduate and postgraduate education programs might cover evolution and function of the masticatory apparatus along the evolutionary path as well, as it is key to nutrition and a basic defense mechanism. As such I would not suggest this text as a critical part of one's library, unless as an overview, or for someone who has not had any exposure to the topic area whatsoever.