

However, for laboratories just entering the field of research on carcinogens, it is a useful book.

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*For Our Kid's Sake. How to Protect Your Child against Pesticides in Food*, by A.W. Garland, Sierra Club Books, San Francisco, CA, 1990, ISBN 0-87156-613-3, 128 pp. (paperback), \$6.95.

This book has some useful and relevant sections on how to decrease pesticide exposure in foods by common sense methods that conscientious parents have been using for years, and how pesticide usage in agriculture can be decreased by integrated pest management, crop rotation, and the like. Whether there will be acceptance of "organically" grown produce at the grocery store remains to be seen.

Lists of various pesticides which may be found in specific fruits and vegetables are given. Although the banning of DDT over 15 years ago is mentioned in a footnote, the cancellation of crop uses for dieldrin, BHC and chlordane is not indicated, even though this occurred several years ago.

The book also purports to show that children are receiving an overdose of pesticides in foods, a concept based largely to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) "worst estimates" of the levels of pesticide residues on foods. In turn, these EPA estimates were based on a report which has been criticized for overestimating the exposure and use of pesticide groups on crops, rather than relying on actual data on pesticide residues. Although the aim of the book may be worthy, the atmosphere of fear and the method of attaining support for the Natural Resources Defense Council are not commendable.

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*Hazardous Waste Minimization Handbook*, by T.E. Higgins, Lewis Publishers, Chelsea, MI, 1989, ISBN 0-87371-176-9, 260 pp., \$49.95.

Early in 1988, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency established its Pollution Prevention office ushering in, for that Agency at least, a new philosophy in hazardous waste management based on avoiding waste production. And as this review is being written, there is legislation before Houses of the U.S. Congress furthering the concept of waste minimization/elimination by placing new regulations on waste production with a view to minimizing its generation. Clearly this is a book published in the right place at the right time.