

symptoms are organised into a mixture of rare and common causes, which are given equal weight. I thought that the book could also be improved with illustrations—there are none apart from a few drawings in the anatomy section. The language is also rather medical at times and requires a relatively high reading age.

In summary, this book is clearly aimed at an American audience of patients who want to know more about STD and for whom I think it will be most useful. I am less sure whether it will appeal to readers outside of the United States.

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CORRECTIONS

There was an error in Brief encounters in the last issue of the journal. In the section “HIV: still missing important clues” the name “Wincelau” was incorrectly spelt as “Wenceslas”. The journal apologises for this error.

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There was an error in the Commentary by Hickman and De Angelis in the last issue of the journal (Hickman M, De Angelis D. Commentary. *Sex Transm Infect* 2008;**84**:

115-16). In the first line “herpes C virus” should be “hepatitis C virus”.

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There was an error in an article published in the June 2007 issue of the journal (Basta MST, Sankar KN, Dayan M. Unilateral syphilitic peri optic neuritis in a patient coinfecting with human immunodeficiency virus type 1. *Sex Transm Infect* 2007;**83**:183–4). “VDRL” is the abbreviation for “venereal disease research laboratory”, not for “venereal disease reference laboratory” as was printed.