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BOOK REVIEW**AN ILLUSTRATED LABORATORY MANUAL OF PARASITOLOGY, Fifth Edition,****by Raymond M. Cable.**

Paper covers, spiral bound, 275 pages, \$7.95. Burgess Publishing Company, Minneapolis.

Any lab manual that survives 30 years usage and appears as a fifth edition has amply demonstrated its usefulness. In this revised edition Cable has added new units on Mesozoa, Tubellaria, Cestodaria, and Pentastomida, and has revised many of the earlier units to include up-to-date information. The book is divided into the sections: Introduction, Protozoa, Helminths, Arthropods, and Laboratory Methods, each with numerous subheadings. The author has attempted to use standardized endings for names of the higher taxa. However, his spellings for some groups are unexpected, such as Apicocomplexa, Pentastoma, and Aporhynchida. As could be expected, the strongest section is on the flukes, which Cable considers to belong to the classes Malacothridea and Monogenea. Some outmoded names are retained in this edition such as *Dibothriocephalus latus*, *Multiceps*, and *Hydatigera*. Further, some readers might feel that the classification of Nematoda is oversimplified, but like much in taxonomy, this is a matter of personal preference.

The sections on arthropods are particularly useful if the student's textbook does not cover them. Finally, the sections on laboratory methods continue to be a handy reference, both for the classroom and the bench. Everything considered, I feel that the manual is well organized, well written and practical.

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ANNOUNCEMENT**WDA NEWSLETTER**

Most of you are aware that the Wildlife Disease Association's first form of communication was in the form of a "Newsletter". We then progressed from the newsletter to the bulletin, and finally to the Journal. Many members feel the Newsletter was an extremely important means of communication whereby the membership and other readers were kept informed of newsworthy items as these events were occurring.

Council has debated another "Newsletter" for the last two years and this year the Council members agreed to proceed with a "Newsletter" on a trial basis. Beginning in January, 1978, the Journal will be printed by Colorado State University