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**BOOK REVIEW**

*Lysosomal storage diseases: Biochemical and clinical aspects*, R. W. E. Watts and D. A. Gibbs, London, Taylor & Francis, 1986, pp. 284, ISBN 0-85066-326-1, £35.00.

This monograph is accurately titled and systematic. The contents are: Introduction; 1. Introduction and classification of the inherited lysosomal storage diseases; 2. Biochemical diagnosis of lysosomal storage diseases; 3. Genetics; 4. Sphingolipidoses; 5. Mucopolysaccharidoses; 6. Glycoproteinoses; 7. Mucolipidoses; 8. Acid lipase deficiency diseases; 9. Glycogenosis Type II; 10. General approaches to the treatment of lysosomal storage diseases; 11. Future prospects; Appendix I. Animal genetic models of some inborn errors of metabolism which occur in man; Appendix II. Recommended further reading.

There are 35 pages of selected references and an 8-page index. Chapters 4–9 include illustrations covering 2 and 3-dimensional formulae of the compounds mainly involved, diagrams of the systems involved in the relevant cell biology, histopathology mainly of the storage, clinical photographs especially of faces and where relevant X-rays including CT scans. Grouped data is tabulated.

This monograph covers a homogeneous group of inherited metabolic disease in the same way that the inherited metabolic diseases in endocrinology are covered by specialized monographs. The book will be regularly used by those in children's hospitals and their related (reference) laboratories. As a reference work it would be useful to the more general audience of basic scientists, workers in laboratory medicine and paediatricians.

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