against the chapter on the Management of Acute Renal Failure which appears to the non-specialist as being of much more value.

The section on drug doses is excellent, although in fairness much of the information is available in the National Formulary.

In summary there is a lot of useful information in this book but it is seriously flawed by the section on cardiac arrest and multiple injuries. I appreciate that it is only a book intended to give resuscitative data and not a book on resuscitation itself and for these very reasons these sections should not have been included. I have doubts whether £17.00 is a reasonable investment for the other information contained in this book.

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This is a new journal which will be circulated free of charge every 6 months. It is prepared by members of the recently formed Surgical Infection Study Group. The aim is to review the papers published in the preceding 6 months concerning all aspects of infection in general surgery, orthopaedics, urology, gynaecology and obstetrics. Each section contains commentaries (short reviews of papers considered to be of particular importance) and annotated references (often one-two sentences long) of many other papers. When I first opened it I did so with some scepticism. However, I found it excellent reading and I am sure that I shall find the annotated references particularly useful in the future.

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