D.P. Rice (Ed), Craniofacial Sutures: Development, Disease and Treatment

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For those interested in the craniofacial area, this book is a gem. It is very significant that Michael Cohen Jr., in the foreword, described it as an “epic-making book”. David Rice, who edited it, is an outstanding authority in the area of sutural biology and has contributed three chapters. The other nine authors hail from France, Brazil, UK, USA and Finland. The contents will appeal to an assorted group of specialists—craniofacial and maxillofacial surgeons, orthodontists, geneticists, biologist, and anthropologists.

As can be seen by the different chapters, there is something for everyone in this text—even surgeons like myself! We are in a situation where significant procedures are necessary to correct these complex deformities and as

can be expected, significant complications can occur. The authors recognize this and thus the contents are nicely directed to solving these when and if possible. Fortunately, as we begin to understand more about developmental biology and genetics, we creep towards less intrusive methods of treatment. In almost every chapter, there is an excellent array of references.

It is most impressive that this milestone book has been contained in 236 pages. It makes for pleasant and non-overwhelming reading. I have no doubt that this will be welcomed in the craniofacial world. Certainly, for the young craniofacial surgeon, this is a book to be read and re-read. It will certainly be worth the effort!

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