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Scientists and laymen alike may find the book interesting from the standpoint of possible new directions in research on the biologic effects of light. However, even though references and the author's publications are listed, a paucity of detail about scientific experiments is apparent. Few photographs and graphs of experimental data are included.

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BLUEPRINT FOR MEDICAL CARE, by David D. Rutstein. 1974. MIT Press, Cambridge, Mass. 308 p. \$8.95.

Blueprint for Medical Care is an operational manual for those organizing and implementing effective health care systems. Although there are, I'm sure, numerous specific books already available in this area, Rutstein's book is probably the most thorough, comprehensive, and authoritative outline of all phases of a national health care system. The 19 chapters include everything from care of individual patients to sources of financial support for such a program. It is written for the layman as well as the professional. The writing style is concise, and diagrams are used wisely. Unlike so many other writers dealing with future change, Rutstein first discusses the why's of change and then the what's and how's of it.

I highly recommend this book for anyone interested in investigating what is probably the most accurate account of an effective national health care program. And if reading materials could be required on a professional level, I'd say this book is a must for hospital administrators.

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HEALTH INSTRUCTION: THEORY AND APPLICATION, by John T. Fodor and Gus T. Dalis. 2nd ed., 1974. Lea & Febiger, Philadelphia. 158 p. \$7.50 (hardback).

This book is intended as a guide to the development of curricula and the improvement of instruction in health education. It has eight chapters, on defining health, education, and the school health program; selecting content; structuring knowledge; formulating objectives; developing learning opportunities; organizing instruction; evaluating instruction; and identifying competencies of persons responsible for effective

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This book is not recommended for its stated purposes. Persons interested in these endeavors would be better served by consulting any of the general-curriculum and methodology textbooks that are currently available.

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History-Philosophy

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND FREEDOM, ed. by Willis H. Truitt and T. W. Graham Solomons. 1974. Houghton Mifflin Co., Boston. 284 p. \$4.50.

The baker who writes a book on baking stands a good chance of being credible and accurate. However, the nonscientist who does not research, design, or "do science" cannot possibly interpret the scientific endeavor with accuracy.

This collection of readings was apparently compiled by philosophers who "read science." The book is divided into four parts, with a total of thirty articles. The usual names are found: Kass, Ehrlich, Compton, Dubos, Dobzhansky. Nearly two-thirds of the previously published works are older than five years. The articles—some are excerpts from books—are not geared pri-