Dictionary of Veterinary Terms (Review)

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Author Rife describes this book as “a reader’s guide,” and readers may safely choose to be guided by it, but it is no less a guide for researchers and students, who will find it an intelligent and thoroughly reliable companion to scholarly endeavors in this growing field of study. Part 1 contains chapters discussing such categories as “Fiction for Juveniles and Young Adults” and “Works Based on the Lives of Actual Musicians.” In part 2, Rife sorts various works into a broader array of categories, including many from the preceding chapter but adding others that offer more specific guidance to prospective readers. Of special note is the concluding 179-page “Annotated Bibliography of Jazz Fiction”; this section alone is worth the price.

—Harold Cordry


The purpose of this slim but informative paperback is to “provide the party totals in each of the 50 state legislatures by election.” The book starts with a summary of party affiliations by year, in tabular format. Each state entry includes paragraphs on the origins of statehood, the terms and size of the state legislature, and other details, followed by election-by-election figures for house and senate party affiliations. The “oth” (for “other”) designation for party affiliation provides an interesting tour of the variety of political parties that have been represented; politics are not just Democrat or Republican at the state level. Recommended for larger public libraries and academic libraries.

—Jerry Carbone


Coates, a veterinarian, designed this dictionary of veterinary terms for animal owners and those who work in the veterinary field to assist with the common question, “What did the vet mean by that?” Some 5,600 terms are defined alphabetically, and entries range from a few words to 100 words. Pronunciations are not provided. Several appendixes offer information on commonly prescribed drugs, abbreviations and acronyms, weights and measures, normal physiologic parameters of 28 species, and normal reproductive parameters of 18 species. Sources for more information are also included.

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This is a practical guide for business etiquette for almost every situation. The 14 chapters include everything from job-interview etiquette to office politics to business entertaining and sports etiquette, giving the reader a professional edge for every situation from cocktail parties to conventions. A chapter on global manners will help avoid common faux pas committed while traveling abroad. A useful resource not only for the new professional but for managers.

—Christy Donaldson


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