

RADIOLOGICAL PHYSICISTS.

J.A. del Regato. New York, American Institute of Physics, 1985, 188pp.

This delightful collection of essays embraces the major contributions of ten eminent physicists, nine of whom were Nobel laureates. It includes historical portraits of Wilhelm Rontgen, Marie Curie, Max Planck, Ernest Rutherford, William H. Bragg, William Duane, Niels Bohr, Fr   d'Arago, Jorilciot, Arthur Compton, and Enrico Fermi. There also is an extensive section of biographical notes concerned with 70 associates and colleagues of the principals, as well as a section of 50 entries of subject notes, both of which augment and enhance the book.

Over 400 references include those of the classical papers upon which much of the basic aspects of nuclear medicine rest. An especially fine feature is the inclusion of 130 photographs and illustrations of such quality that teachers of the subject readily may make useful slides from them. Doctor del Regato has skillfully put together these historical essays in a warm and in-depth narrative style. Commonly, he includes near ancestors, parents, siblings, children, and even grandchildren of the principals. He spices his subjects with piquantly delightful anecdotes of interpersonal associations such as are not found in standard biographical works. His artful uses of an impressive vocabulary embellish and add luster to the book.

This book will appeal especially to those who regard most of the basic aspects of nuclear medicine to have stemmed from applications of contributions of physicists, and especially of nuclear physicists.

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