

planning and techniques important for the successful integrated orthodontic surgical correction of anomalies. The value of the book lies in a very clear text, on its excellent illustrations (over 1200) and on the well-documented clinical cases presented. This book, expertly revised and updated since the first

edition, appears to be useful both to the surgeon and to the orthodontist. It would also seem to be a welcome and necessary addition to the library of all professionals dealing with craniofacial anomalies, to improve the quality of care delivered to individuals affected by these deformities.

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Practical Dentofacial Orthopedics (1996)

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Volume 5 in van der Linden's series on the development of the dentition and dentofacial orthopaedics is an unusual orthodontic book. The 696 pages are divided into 40 chapters, each of which is, quite simply, a commented case report. The chapters consist of 2–5 pages of commentary and 10–15 pages of illustrations, and the descriptions are unusual in that, besides documenting the condition before and after treatment, they also do so for the condition 10–20 years after treatment. The chapters are arranged in increasing order of the complexity of the treatment, and there are drawings and explanations of various—mainly removable—appliances in the order in which they first appear in a case. The commentary on each patient starts with a brief clinical diagnosis without cephalometric evaluation or maturity assessment, but is otherwise presented in a fluent, rather expansive, lecturing style. The illustrative material consists mainly of facial photographs and photographs of study models from the various stages. For

some patients, though, there are cephalometric growth tracings of the changes due to treatment and growth. Most of the treatments were successful, but some were failures, particularly where the facial growth deviated from the average pattern. The quality of the illustrations is reasonable, but the presentation is somewhat flawed by growth tracing superimpositions which are not in agreement with basic knowledge of the surface modelling of the craniofacial skeletal structures.

In general, the book is remarkable for the extensive photographic illustration of the age changes of the face in the period 10–20 years after treatment was completed. This gives the reader a real visual impression of the gradual lowering of the facial soft tissues in relation to the skeletal base and the dental arches. The author deserves credit for sharing with us this unique longitudinal photographic material on facial development.

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An Introduction to Orthodontics (1996)

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This new book by a well-respected author is, as the cover note describes, a good introduction to the current thinking and practice of ortho-

dontics. The 21 chapters begin with the Rationale for Orthodontic Treatment and a useful discussion on risk and cost benefit, two