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I dedicate this book to my beloved late husband and my three sons

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Obstetrics is the most exciting of all medical specialties, dealing with problems of early human development, general medicine, surgery and emergency care. This book is intended to address the need of medical students in the School of Medicine, Universiti Malaysia Sabah. It seeks its audience, also amongst other obstetricians, when the need for knowledge arises.

In planning the book, I have recalled those subjects which I myself found difficult to master, or on which I had searched far and long for information. I have not hesitated to give my own views. The opinions are mine and are based on literature and discussions. Without intended disrespect, mention by name of authors and workers I have avoided. I have attempted to reach conclusions which satisfy me as being rational and, as present knowledge allows.

The steps required for forceps delivery or Caesarean section are not really needed for students, but these topics have been included in illustrations, for those needing information. It is my hope that this little handbook will meet the needs of today's medical students and encourage self-learning skills, whilst providing essential information in readable manner. This book is meant to add to, rather than replace clinical and tutorial instructions. In a medical curriculum I believe there will be a mixture of teacher-centred information transfer and self-divided problem-based learning. This handbook should serve as a source for both approaches, supplemented by literature searches.

In offering this book to students I remember with affection and gratitude my beloved teachers, from my own country and from Belfast, Northern Ireland. Not only did they teach me obstetrics, but also to think and provide me the stimulus to obtain experience in this field of medicine.

In conclusion, I hope this book will convey my continuing love for this exciting specialty and that it will enthuse a new generation of obstetricians to make pregnancy and childbirth an even safer and more fulfilling experience for parents in many generations to come.

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