The book is concise and well written. It brings together considerable experience in the field. Chapters on modern approaches to diagnostic methods are counter-balanced by a chapter on traditional methods. Generally the theory behind the various methods is explained and each chapter is appropriately referenced. The book is packed with protocols which have been tried and tested in the authors' laboratories. Applications and troubleshooting sections are included where appropriate. I can recommend it as a useful volume for practising virologists, particularly for those involved in research and development. Some chapters may also be useful for scientists in other disciplines.

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