

# BOOK REVIEWS

**KILL OR GET KILLED**, by Lt. Col. Rex Applegate, USA-Ret. The Military Service Publishing Co., Harrisburg, Penn., U.S.A. Illustrated. Indexed. \$3.75.

A rather realistic book on a very grim subject, just as its title implies. The writer attempts to get away from the field of theory and deals with stark realism; he speaks quite casually of finishing off the opponent with your feet, delivering the coup de grace, or breaking the neck of a sitting person "almost without breaking your stride".

Colonel Applegate draws from jiu jitsu, judo, boxing, wrestling and tumbling, and adds commando training tactics which use rough-and-tumble fighting, hands, teeth, legs, feet and body. Hand-to-hand fighting, unarmed and armed combat, offensive and defensive tactics are a brutal business, used against a ruthless enemy, where the play is for keeps.

The book is simply written, with many detailed descriptions and illustrations. The writer sticks to fundamentals, to getting the job done as simply and quickly as possible. He deals with offensive and defensive unarmed combat, knife attack and defence, use of guns and disarming, prisoner handling, raids and room combat, and training techniques.

Frequent reference is made to use of the book's training methods by policemen. The treatise will make a good contribution to the instructor's library, but in the wrong hands the book would be a very dangerous thing. Even the instructor will have to use much wisdom in the selection of just how much it will be safe to teach the student. But for trained troops who are about to go to the fighting front, the book is invaluable to enable them to fulfil the first part of the title and avoid the second half. E.B.M.

**FINGERPRINT MECHANICS**, by Walter R. Scott. Charles C. Thomas, Springfield, Ill., U.S.A. and The Ryerson Press, To-

ronto, Canada. Indexed. Illustrated. Pp. 442. \$10.25.

Examination of fingerprints at the scene of crime is the main subject of this work. The author has not attempted to delve into bureau classification, and it is this reviewer's belief that a fingerprint expert is not fully qualified unless he has a thorough knowledge of filing and searching which in turn enables him to have a fuller grasp of pattern and definitions.

The author has seen fit, and rightfully so, to record the numerous references to decisions where fingerprints have been used as Court evidence. This is most helpful to Americans, but proves somewhat difficult to Canadians who do not have the same access to such material.

There are over 200 illustrations covering technique, methods, equipment, and so on. Also, mention is made of numerous commercial houses that specialize in fingerprint supplies. For the technician who may wish to prepare his own developing powders, etc., many formulae are given.

Those interested in the science of fingerprints will be considerably enlightened after having read this reference work.

My first impression of this book is the attractive manner in which it has been put together, and the fine quality paper used. The author is to be commended for his choice of material and the manner in which it is arranged. Along with a complete index, Mr. Scott has added a special feature in the form of "true-false" and "sentence completion" questions at the end of each chapter. The value of this is open to question and is, in this reviewer's opinion, of dubious import.

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