

special reference to Australia wide-ranging. I have little to fault these volumes except very minor quibbles such as the new combinations that are lost in a sea of text on p. 280 – a nomenclator's nightmare – but they never detract from the wholeness. The editors, editorial assistants and floral editorial committee should be congratulated. Australian mycology is on the map where with its unique fungal flora it should rightly be.

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Les Champignons des Alpes Maritimes. J. B. Barla. Libreria Basso. 120,000 lira (c.£45). (Available from Maria Teresa Basso, Via Vigo 31, I-17021 – Alassio (SV), Italy.)

This is a reproduction of a book that has long been cited in monographic works on the Agaricales, but is rare and difficult to obtain on loan except from established institutes. It contains several new taxa and in recent years has been most important in solving tricky nomenclatural problems within the genus *Armillaria*.

Sixty-four plates of 840 figures cover nearly 200 taxa including 15 varieties and are restricted to those agarics in the major genera with white spore deposits. Barla supplied an excellent bibliography and the quality of the illustrations is extremely high. The innovation of this reproduction is that Barla's nomenclature and taxonomy have been updated – for *Amanita* by Pierre Neville and Serge Paramat, *Lepiota* by Massimo Cardusso, *Armillaria* and *Tricholoma* by Alfredo Riva and *Clitocybe* by Marcel Bon. At the reasonable price offered this is an excellent buy; one can possess a beautiful, classic work with modern commentaries by experts in their respective fields. Where else can you get such a bargain?

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