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"In 11 chapters he reflects on the field where he played, placing it in the context of what went on before he became a student of transplantation immunology and what has happened since his retirement. Not unlike a transplant recipient, this book is a chimera; in many ways a memoir, it is also a series of scholarly reviews... Any physician, surgeon, or scientist with an interest in transplantation can take pleasure in this book, and for teaching it is a valuable reference." --**NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL OF MEDICINE**

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"Students and scholars in the fields of immunology will find this thorough and critical review of the important literature associated with the science of transplantation immunology indispensable... The text is quite thorough, and it includes over 3,000 references associated with its 11 chapters, which even taken alone make the book worth its purchase price to scientists who are actively working in the field." --**AMERICAN SCIENTIST**

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### **From the Back Cover**

This book is unique in dealing with the history of transplantation immunology kaleidoscopically, and is written by an author with an exceptional knowledge of the topic, and one of the founding fathers of the field. Those entering the field of transplantation are frequently unaware of the topic's historical roots and even of the background on which modern discoveries involving, for example, tolerance, histocompatibility antigens and xenotransplantation are based. Many of the early events are very colorful, and others surprising. This beautifully crafted account not only provides enjoyment but, equally importantly, helps to place the work of contemporary scientists into its proper context. As such this book will form fascinating reading for immunologists at all stages in their career, from student to teacher and researcher, for physicians, surgeons, and for all those with real interest in science, and how vital discoveries were actually made. Although transplantation immunology has made some notable conceptual contributions to the development of immunological theory, it is essentially a science that, even from the earliest years, has flourished because

of the hope of its clinical application. Written by Leslie Brent, and with a forward by Ray Owen, this book provides a fascinating account of how tissue and organ transplantation has become one of the most successful branches of late twentieth century medicine.

#### About the Author

Leslie Brent was awarded the 1994 Peter Medawar Prize by the Transplantation Society at its 15th World Congress. Dr. Brent was also part of Sir Peter Medawar's group that was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1960 for research on immunological tolerance. He has spent his professional life studying all aspects of transplantation immunology including tolerance, graft-versus-host disease and mechanisms, rejection, and fetal immunology.

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