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This symposium was the brain child of Hans Popper, now over 80 years old, who worked in this area as a young man. Those who wish to get the flavour of the book should read both his stimulating and thoughtful introduction, and his remarkable summary of the whole proceedings. His verbal presentation at the end of the meeting included newly prepared slides, of the last few talks, and was a tour de force even by Hans' own standards! The written version deserves to be read by everyone with an interest in the biology of the liver. No G1 department should be without a copy of this book.

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This is a compilation of papers presented at a meeting held in November 1981 covering all aspects of biliary atresia.

The book is divided into sections starting with aetiology, including morphology, and assessment, then the surgical treatment of extrahepatic biliary atresia is considered which is followed by a special section on liver transplantation. The last clinical section is on nutrition and medical treatment. Then follows a variety of papers on research possibly related to the condition. The chapters are written by workers with considerable experience in this rare disorder.

An important change in the course of this disease has followed the widespread use of portoenterostomy which frequently results in good bile drainage. Unfortunately, virtually all patients eventually progress to cirrhosis, death usually occurring before puberty. It is likely that in the foreseeable future further management of the condition will involve planned liver transplantation at the most appropriate time. The results of liver grafting have improved in recent years and the outlook for children is better now that long term


This volume reports the proceedings of a highly successful symposium held during the Basel Liver Week in October, 1982. It covers the biology of complex carbohydrates, particularly those which are components of glycoproteins. It is an area of considerable complexity and one which is complicated by the technical difficulties of handling and analysing carbohydrate side chains. This book represents the 'state of the art' in 1982 and has contributions by most of the distinguished workers in the field. It deals with the synthesis and degradation of complex carbohydrates and their compounds, their role in intracellular transport and in determining cell surface characteristics, and discusses changes which have been reported in pathological conditions, particularly those involving the liver.