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A review of: Tongue Thrusts: A look at Oral Myofunctional Disorders, by Roberta B. Pierce (1978)

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Beginning with a foreward to parents, Pierce looks at tongue thrust making it understandable without minimizing the controversies and the questions which infuse this subject. The book includes discussions of swallowing patterns and the stages in their maturation, etiologic theories, anatomy, occlusal relationships, pressure factors, interrelationships between tongue thrust, teeth and speech, therapy effectiveness, diagnosis, and treatment philosophy. A glossary and a bibliography of publications and programs related to the treatment of oral myofunctional disorders are provided.

The author offers, along with her descriptive information and summaries of research, her biases, opinions and critical views. She conveys the feeling of concern for children with oral myofunctional disorders held by the clinicians in this field.

Clinicians may well consider this a tool to supplement parent and client counseling. While not an indepth review of the literature nor a comprehensive text, this book provides an overview for parents and beginning students, as well as for someone with special interests in this field.