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Book Review

Keys to Agarics and Boleti. The European agaricologist for over twenty-five years has relied very heavily on two main publications, R. Kühner & H. Romagnesi's 'Flore Analytique des Champignons Supérieurs de France', in French and fairly recently reprinted, and Meinhard Moser's 'Kleine Kryptogamenflora von Mitteleuropa: Die Röhrlinge und Blätterpilze' in German. The British mycologist can now concentrate on mycology as opposed to his accuracy in German vocabulary as Roger Phillips has now published a translation* of the book simply referred to affectionately as 'Moser'.

The translation undertaken by Simon Plant has been made with the full co-operation of Professor Moser and has been edited by Geoffrey Kibby with consultant help from Ronald Rayner. It is a translation of the fourth edition of Moser's book which appeared in 1978. For those unfamiliar with the book it covers the four orders: Polyporales s. restricto, Boletales, Agaricales and Russulales.

The book is hard bound and very suitable, as the original, for carrying in the field. The size of type is small but clear and specific names are indicated in bold. The illustrations are as in the original. This can only be considered the buy of the year.

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* *Keys to Agarics and Boleti.* An English Translation of Die Röhrlinge und Blätterpilze, 535 pp. Available privately from R. Phillips, 12 Eccleston Square, London SW1 1NP. £12.00 (£13.50 including package and post within Britain).