This book provides an excellent organization of subject matter that might be included in a survey course of biology for underclassmen of colleges or universities. It can also be recommended to the layman who desires a general cultural knowledge of biology and its integration with liberal education. It is refreshing to find that a book of this scope can be written about the broad generalizations necessitated by its functions and yet make little or no sacrifice of the accurate factual information upon which these biological principles must be based. The four chief subdivisions concern the organism in its aspects as 1) an individual, 2) a member of its race, 3) a product of evolution and 4) a unit in a social-economic complex. The first subdivision discusses the structures and functions of the human body and this is followed by a similar analysis of a typical seed plant. This section as well as that on evolution is outstanding, giving one an excellent picture of man's position in this world of living things. Perhaps some biologists, including this reviewer, would desire more emphasis on human inheritance, taxonomic relationships, and the broader aspects of ecology such as geographical distribution, social behavior, conservation, personal and public health programs. The physical make-up of the book is attractive and there are sufficient illustrations. The appendix includes a brief survey of the plant and animal kingdoms, general references and a glossary.—J. G. Haub.