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**The Marine and Fresh Water Plankton.** *Charles C. Davis.* Michigan State University Press. 1955. xi+562 pp. 681 figs. \$10.00.

The title is pretentious and is apt to be misleading as to the scope of the contents. For those who are looking for an authoritative work covering the field, the book represents only a sampling of the known genera. Approximately the first quarter of the book is a general discussion of the ecological and biological relationships of the plankton. The remainder is concerned with discussions of individual groups, keys to the genera, and figures. The figures are generally adequate although larger than necessary which needlessly extends the size of the volume. Also in numerous instances the species figured are not named. In general it constitutes a helpful reference for those who are not proficient in this work and who do not have ready access to the varied literature.

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