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This book, intended as a general biology text, is very well done. Its superb organization makes it evident that a great deal of thought went into its preparation. The biologies of plants and of animals, and their inter-relations, are handled in such a way that they form a narrative of remarkably fluid continuity.

Professor Weisz, of Brown University, has chosen to ignore the traditional presentation of countless isolated facts, and writes in terms of general principles of biology.

The book contains many drawings, photographs, and figures, all of which are lucid, and which contribute much to the utility of the book.

The writing of Professor Weisz is notably free from teleological implications, although a few were noted. However, in the long run, the book is remarkable for their scarcity.

The author often resorts to the use of analogies and succeeds in choosing good ones. His treatment of subjects in various “levels” in regard to their complexity is novel and quite effective.

The printer’s work should not be overlooked, either. Fairly large type on a good grade of paper makes for easy reading, and the binding is quite simple but very attractive.

The author and the printer have combined their talents in producing a very readable and entirely worth-while work.

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