
The first edition of this excellent book was published in 1920, in Great Britain, covering the various subdivisions of Biology, listed as Botany, Zoology, Cytology, Genetics, Embryology, Anatomy and Physiology, and extended to include some terms in Bacteriology and Palaeontology. Each subsequent edition has expanded by inclusion of additional words, many of them new ones. This seventh edition lists more than 15,500 terms, in alphabetical order.

The book begins with lists of equivalents and abbreviations so as to make the definitions useful to Americans as well as residents of the British Isles. Although pronunciations differ at various places where this dictionary may be used, sound-symbols make clear the recommended forms. Workers in all of the listed sciences, including clerks and stenographers, should find this handy book invaluable.

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