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**A Textbook of Entomology.** *H. H. Ross.* John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York. Second edition-1956. xii+519 pp. \$7.75.

The second edition of Dr. Ross' fine textbook presents under one cover a composite introduction to entomology suitable for use by students of biology, and for general reference by the layman as well as the scientist.

The book begins with an excellent account of the growth of entomology in North America, an often neglected aspect. Following there is a chapter devoted to arthropods related to insects, and four well illustrated chapters giving a thorough discussion of the external and internal anatomy, physiology and embryology, and life cycle of insects. The orders and families of insects are reviewed in enough detail to give a general understanding and a background of information. Illustrated keys to the commoner families are included. The final three chapters present detailed accounts of insect geological history and evolution, and the principles of ecology and insect control.

The reviewer feels that the revised addition improves the features of the original and is a creditable contribution to scientific textbook writing.

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