

Although this is not a book for the beginner in zoology, he would glean much from its pages. The factual data, though briefly stated, represent years of study by biologists in all portions of the world. Dr. Yonge gives constant reference to the researches of others and has an interesting way of presenting personalities concerned in this research in the history and development of the natural sciences and the growth of the science of Oceanography and Ecology, particularly in the British Isles.—RUTH D. TURNER.

MacGinitie, G. E. and Nettie MacGinitie 1949, *Natural History of Marine Animals*, McGraw-Hill Book Company Inc., New York, 473 pages, 282 figures.

For one seeking acquaintance with the varied fauna of the sea shore this book should be a real help. It is essentially an introductory text book surveying the phyla from a natural history point of view, stressing the habits and relationships of the animals rather than their anatomy. As much of the book is based on the personal observations of the authors it is written with a stimulating enthusiasm. Though most of the animals considered are from the Pacific coast of North America, the habitats and habits of closely related forms may be sufficiently close so that the book can serve as a guide elsewhere. The many hints regarding methods and techniques of observation are also helpful.

The first twelve chapters are devoted to generalized discussions of such subjects as Food, Sense Organs, Luminescence, Marine Animal Habitats, Variation and Succession, and Relationships. The remaining chapters are devoted to a survey of the phyla, the length of each chapter depending on the size of the group, its importance and interest.

The illustrations in the book though of excellent choice as to subject matter are often rather poorly executed, especially some of the half-tones. The line cuts as a whole are good.



Turner, Ruth Dixon. 1951. "Review of MacGinitie, G. E. and Nettie MacGinitie 1949, *Natural History of Marine Animals*, McGraw-Hill Book Company Inc., New York, 473 pages, 282 figures." *Occasional papers on mollusks* 1(16), 411–412.

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