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repetition by mentioning only one or two type species from each animal or maintains a feeling for geological time by describing the animal groups in the which they appeared, by noting their advantages over their predecessors, inserting chapters summarizing the development and relative importance of successive periods.

The book is not, however, oversimplified, and the terminology, once explained without hesitation. The author has a good clear style.

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