

be the only exclusive substance involved in the process but variations in the endogenous levels of other substances like gibberellins, cytokinins, auxin and also ascorbic acid may also be equally involved and the retention or abscission of the organ may be determined by a balance between the inhibitors and the growth promoters.

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#### BOOK REVIEW

NEUNER, A.: *BLV Naturführer. Pilze. Alle wichtige Pilze nach Farbfotos bestimmen.* — BLV Verlagsgesellschaft, München—Bern—Wien 1975. 143 pp.

This volume is one of the popular books whose importance cannot be ignored in professional literature. The pocket-size of this manual, perfect full-colour photographs and brief descriptions of 91 mushroom species, placing emphasis on particular features (e.g. lower side of the pileus) make it suitable for the use in the field. To enable a better comparison and preclude the possibility of confusion, edible mushrooms are figured together with their poisonous doubles on one page. A short description of their characteristics, such as shape, size, colour, flavour, smell, is given on the facing page. The book will be appreciated not only by amateur mycologists but also by workers in other scientific fields, as it provides a general picture of fungi growing in our woods.

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