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Preface

This Guide to Invertebrate Animals has evolved over the past 35 years from lecture notes and cyclostyled information sheets given to university students in the United Kingdom and Africa. The original version, which was produced by two of us (JEW and JHE), was published in 1955 under the title *Animal Classification* by the University of Ibadan Press, primarily for the use of students of that University. In the present volume, this Classification has been brought up to date and illustrated with numerous blackboard-style drawings to show the more important anatomical and morphological features of most of the animals concerned.

This book is intended for the use of sixth-formers and university undergraduates taking introductory courses in invertebrate biology, although its use may extend into fields of terrestrial, freshwater and marine ecology. By reducing to a pocket size format, the volume can be handled with equal ease in the field and the laboratory. The picture it attempts to present is one of an overall, yet detailed, view of the diversity of invertebrate life, coupled with a scheme of classification which brings order to this diversity. Hopefully, the presentation of a considerable amount of basic information in this compact form will allow the reader to explore other aspects of zoology.

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