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weaknesses, which are minor, can be overcome almost completely when one reads, along with it, Stefan Vogel's splendid review of floral ecology, covering the years 1974 (1973) to 1978, in *Progress in Botany*.

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Hongos. Gastón Guzmán. 194 pp. illus. Editorial Limusa, Mexico, 1978.

Guzmán is one of the upcoming young mycologists and one of the few dedicated to the almost virgin field of tropical mycology. The author of numerous technical papers, especially on the hallucinogenic use of mushrooms, he has now amassed an astounding amount of information, much of it new, into a book dedicated to mushrooms in Mexico. His coverage spans mushrooms in tropical, subtropical, temperate zones, coniferous forests, and other habitats.

The excellent color illustrations greatly enhance the utility of the book, which is written in a semi-popular vein and can therefore be used by the layman. In every case, indications are given as to edibility, toxicity, or other characteristics of the species.

This contribution can be highly recommended. It will serve, I hope, to stimulate similar studies of a regional nature in the Americas.

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