## Book Review

**Introduction to fungi.** A reprint of this popular book* in paper-back form is to be welcomed although inflation is reflected in the price, £1·95 more than the original hard-back edition. The book achieves the two major aims of the author: (a) to produce easily understandable illustrations which can be compared with simple preparations of living material, and (b) introduce the reader to those fungi easily available in the living state in Britain, on a backcloth of Ainsworth's general purpose classification. It is a great pity the opportunity was not taken in the reprint to substitute some of the black and white photographs of the first edition by much more contrasting prints or by new pictures altogether; they contrast markedly with the clear lucid line drawings. Many of the minor errors noted in reviews of the first printing have been rectified.

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* Webster, John. Introduction to fungi. First paper-back edition. Pp. viii + 424, illus. Bibl. Cambridge University Press, 1977 [ISBN 0 521 29232 8]. £4.95.