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(Bruce S. Lieberman, University of Kansas Paleontological Institute)

Highly recommended.

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Prothero's textbook...is very welcome as it gives not only for students but for every geologist a nice and up-to-date overview of the wide field of paleobiology... An excellent, well written and nicely illustrated textbook.

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