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The authors have done a great job of outlining the major issues important for understanding metabolism in a variety of animals (invertebrate and vertebrate) and environmental stresses. They make excellent use of figures and balloon captions that capture the reader's attention. There are also several nice examples from the current and classic literature that will appeal to many students. --Grant McClelland, McMaster University (on Chapter 7)

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