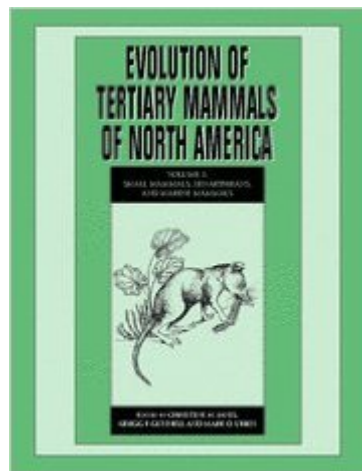


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In the editorial review - all stated is very true and extremely useful for any researcher studying the biostratigraphy and evolutionary trends of the mammalian groups within this volume (hopefully volume 2 is coming...someday!). HOWEVER, it is imperative that one double check references, statements, timelines, etc., with collaborating information on the group studied in detail as I have found some errors. Also, please note that each chapter is written by the "specialist" of that group...but not all mammalian paleontologists will agree to their overview. Ahh...the wonders and joys of academia! I am extremely pleased that each chapter on the groups of mammals discussed

are organized the same way, thus allowing for consistency and aid in reference localities that may be applicable to several groups of mammals. Another pertinent point to remember is that this type of study is never stagnant as new information regarding fossil finds in new strata and/or localities can constrict or expand the timelines for particular genera, as I have found with the Oligocene fossils found within the White River Badlands, particularly within the Orellan and Whitneyan "NALMAs." Other researchers focused on particular groups would state the same. Nevertheless, this is an excellent starting point for graduate students and other researchers - a must have reference book. Publication references for each chapter appear thorough, it has an excellent index and a decent locality database for each state. Additional information within this tome is also very useful, particularly background data for the various geological times during the Cenozoic.

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