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Despite its shortcomings, however, *The Proterozoic Biosphere* is an important resource that should find its way into libraries. Anyone with a serious interest in the half of recorded Earth history encompassed by the Proterozoic Eon will want to consult it for data compilations, references, and skeletal discussions of life's evolutionary maturation.

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