

The book has an incongruous "epilogue" by Michael Ashburner that muses on the history of the field. An introduction attempting to unify the disparate chapters around a common theme would have been more appropriate and useful.

The book itself is lavishly illustrated, with effective use of color, and comes with a 54-page paperback "Atlas of *Drosophila* Development" by Volker Hartenstein. In the 1980s José Campos-Ortega and Hartenstein produced *The Embryonic Development of Drosophila melanogaster*, which became the standard reference on fly embryos. Hartenstein has now gone further, using computer graphics and vivid color to display the developing animal in all its glory. Now I can identify those bristles and bits of the adult I was never quite sure about, and all those tubes and blobs in the viscera of the embryos and larvae no longer are a mystery to me.

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