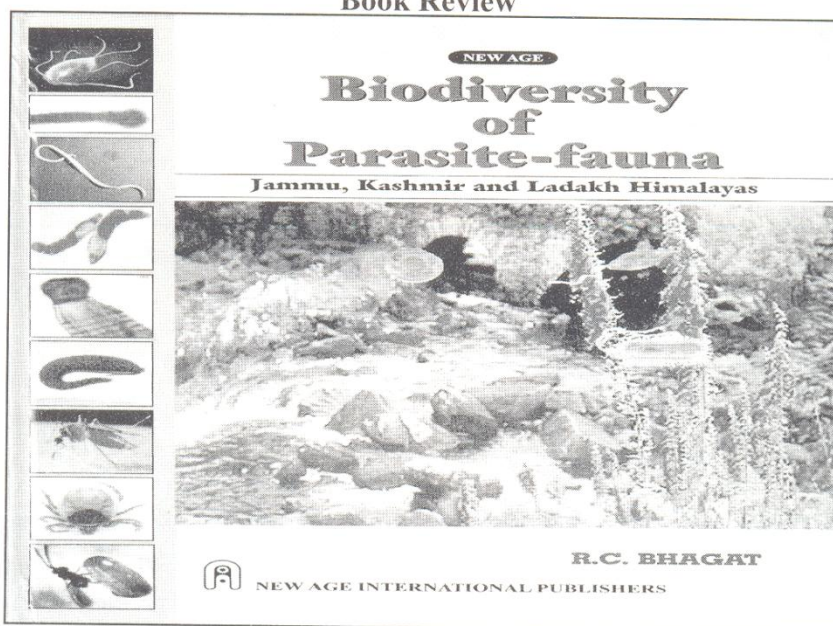


## Book Review



**Biodiversity of Parasite- fauna, R.C. Bhagat, New Age International publishers, 211 pp, Rs. 395.00**

The book, “Biodiversity of Parasite- fauna” written by Prof. R.C. Bhagat is an excellent piece of work encompassing the diverse parasite- fauna of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh Himalayas. The parasite fauna is greatly influenced by the macro-environment of the parasite. The state Jammu & Kashmir has a unique environment and its impact on the parasite fauna is apt to be of academic interest. The author has presented a beautiful and praiseworthy report on the diversity of parasite fauna of the state, Jammu & Kashmir. The coverage of the topics is extensive dealing with the parasite fauna right from protozoan upto insects covering a wide host range from insects, molluscs, amphibians, birds, mammals and man. In addition, a proper account of parasitic copepods, insects and ticks and mites including their roles as vectors has also been given.

The book is a comprehensive publication compiling vast, scattered information in a simple, lucid and informative manner. The book is well equipped with a subject index and an updated bibliography. It is an eminently readable a very well written publication. Its publication comes as pleasant surprise almost free of spelling mistakes, punctuation and grammatical errors. It is an update parasite identification manual which will prove to be dependable, exciting and challenging. In conclusion, it is an excellent book and the author has made a commendable effort to bring forth relevant issues pertaining to parasite fauna of Jammu & Kashmir. This book will prove to be an asset and a useful resource not only for students and researchers but also for entomologists, aquaculturists, pathobiologists and animal culturists who can gain insight into the possible parasitic invasions prevailing therein.

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