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This book represents a major advance toward a modern synthesis of insect artificial diets. I would recommend it to anyone new to artificial diet development, but even seasoned practitioners would likely learn something.

- Daniel A. Hahn, The Quarterly Review of Biology, Vol. 82, No. 1, March 2007

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