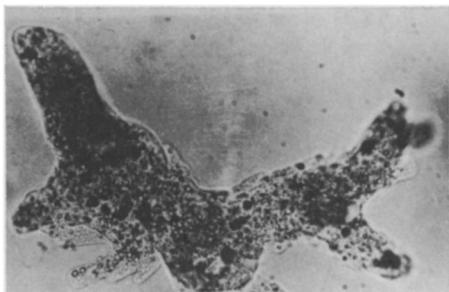


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WORLD OF THE SWAN, by Joe Van Wormer. 1972. J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia. 156 p. \$5.95.

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DRAGONFLIES, by Hilda Simon. 1972. Viking Press, New York. 95 p. \$4.95 (hardback).

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COME WITH ME TO THE EDGE OF THE SEA, by William M. Stephens. 1972. Julian Messner, New York. 80 p. \$5.29.

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