

The book encompasses 17 chapters on fungi from different substrates including fossilized leaves. In addition to dead substrates, association of pathogenic fungi with important plants like Wheat, Rice, Soybean and Brassicas have been discussed and reviewed in different chapters. Some animals and human pathogens have also been covered. Besides the taxonomic information, some ecological aspects like distribution and substrate/host preferences have also been dealt with in some chapters, where appropriate. Fungi-like organisms, the myxomycetes, have also been discussed in one chapter. Thus, the book has covered a variety of substrates, their fungal colonizers, and ecology as well. Updated information, for all these aspects have been discussed and presented. How and up to what extent, the fungi associated with various materials deteriorate them, have been elaborated in chapters dealing with dairy products and materials of cultural heritage significance.

To sum up the book has attempted to present updated information for as many substrates as possible, living, senescing, and decomposing.



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