

Preface

This dictionary is derived from the *Concise Science Dictionary*, published by Oxford University Press in 1984. It consists of all the entries relating to biology and biochemistry in this dictionary, together with those entries relating to geology that are required for an understanding of palaeontology and a few entries relating to physics and chemistry that are required for an understanding of the physical and chemical aspects of biology. This dictionary also includes a selection of the words used in medicine and palaeoanthropology.

The more chemical aspects of biochemistry and the chemistry itself will be found in the *Concise Dictionary of Chemistry*; this and the *Concise Dictionary of Physics* are companion volumes to this dictionary.

SI units are used throughout this book and its companion volumes.

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