



## Synopsis of Animal Parasitology (Classic Reprint)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.Excerpt from Synopsis of Animal Parasitology Parasitism is a condition of widespread occurrence in both plant and animal kingdoms, though much more characteristic of certain groups than of others. Its basis is to be sought chiefly in a nutritive relation in which one organism, the parasite, obtains its food-supply directly from the living tissues of another organism which in this way becomes the host. In this condition it is purely a matter of the degree of parasitism whether the infesting organism, naturally a smaller species, occupies a superficial position on the body of the host, as an ectoparasite, or as an endoparasite, penetrates into its interior. This parasitic association is one of the results of competition among organisms, and is accompanied by structural changes analogous to those taking place in other directions in free-living organisms by adaptation and specialization. All organisms tend to utilize the available resources of food-supply, but a fundamental difference exists between those possessed of carbohydrate-building power, after the plan of the green plants, and those which, lacking this property, are dependent for their...



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