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BROWSING**Life.**

A Journey Through Time. Frans Lanting, edited by Christine Eckstrom. Taschen, Cologne, 2006. 304 pp. \$49.99, £29.99, €39.99. ISBN 9783822839942.

Although the subtitle might suggest a focus on fossils, here Lanting interprets the history of life on Earth through photographs of extant organisms and landscapes. Successive chapters highlight marine life (such as the flower hat jelly, *Olindias formosa*), shore dwellers, the spread of plants and vertebrates across the land, innovations of birds and flowering plants, and mammals. Aerial views in the concluding chapter mark how life shapes our planet. A slideshow featuring images from the book is at [www.lifethroughtime.com](http://www.lifethroughtime.com), which also offers information about a multimedia orchestral performance (with music by Philip Glass) and a traveling exhibition.

