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Kluwer Academic Publishers. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 454 pages. Dimensions: 9.0in. x 6.0in. x 1.1in. The philosophy of biology should move to the center of the philosophy of science - a place it has not been accorded since the time of Mach. Physics was the paradigm of science, and its shadow falls across contemporary philosophy of biology as well, in a variety of contexts: reduction, organization and system, biochemical mechanism, and the models of law and explanation which derive from the Duhem-Popper Hempel tradition. This volume, we think, offers ample evidence of how good contemporary work in the philosophical understanding of biology has become. Marjorie Grene and Everett Mendelsohn aptly combine a deep philosophical appreciation of conceptual issues in biology with an historical understanding of the radical changes in the science of biology since the 19th century. In this book, they present essays which probe such historical and methodological questions as reducibility, levels of organization, function and teleology, and the range of issues emerging from evolutionary theory and the species problem. In conjunction with Professor Grene's collection of essays on the philosophy of biology, *The Understanding of Nature* (Boston Studies in the Philosophy of Science, ...)

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