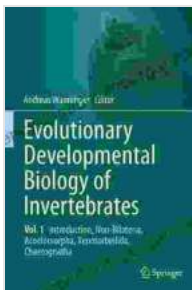


Evolutionary Developmental Biology of Invertebrates: Unraveling the Mysteries of Animal Evolution

The study of invertebrate development has long captivated biologists, providing invaluable insights into the fundamental processes that govern the formation of animal bodies. In recent decades, the field of evolutionary developmental biology, or Evo-devo, has emerged as a powerful tool for understanding the evolution of developmental mechanisms and the incredible diversity of invertebrate life forms.



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In this comprehensive and engaging book, 'Evolutionary Developmental Biology of Invertebrates,' renowned scientists delve into the captivating world of invertebrate development, bridging the gap between evolutionary and developmental biology. With a focus on comparative embryology, developmental genetics, and phylogenetics, this groundbreaking work offers a comprehensive overview of the latest advancements in the field.

Comparative Embryology of Invertebrates

The book commences with a detailed exploration of comparative embryology, examining the similarities and differences in developmental patterns across various invertebrate taxa. Through meticulously illustrated comparisons, readers will gain a deep understanding of the conserved and divergent developmental processes that have shaped the evolution of invertebrate body plans.

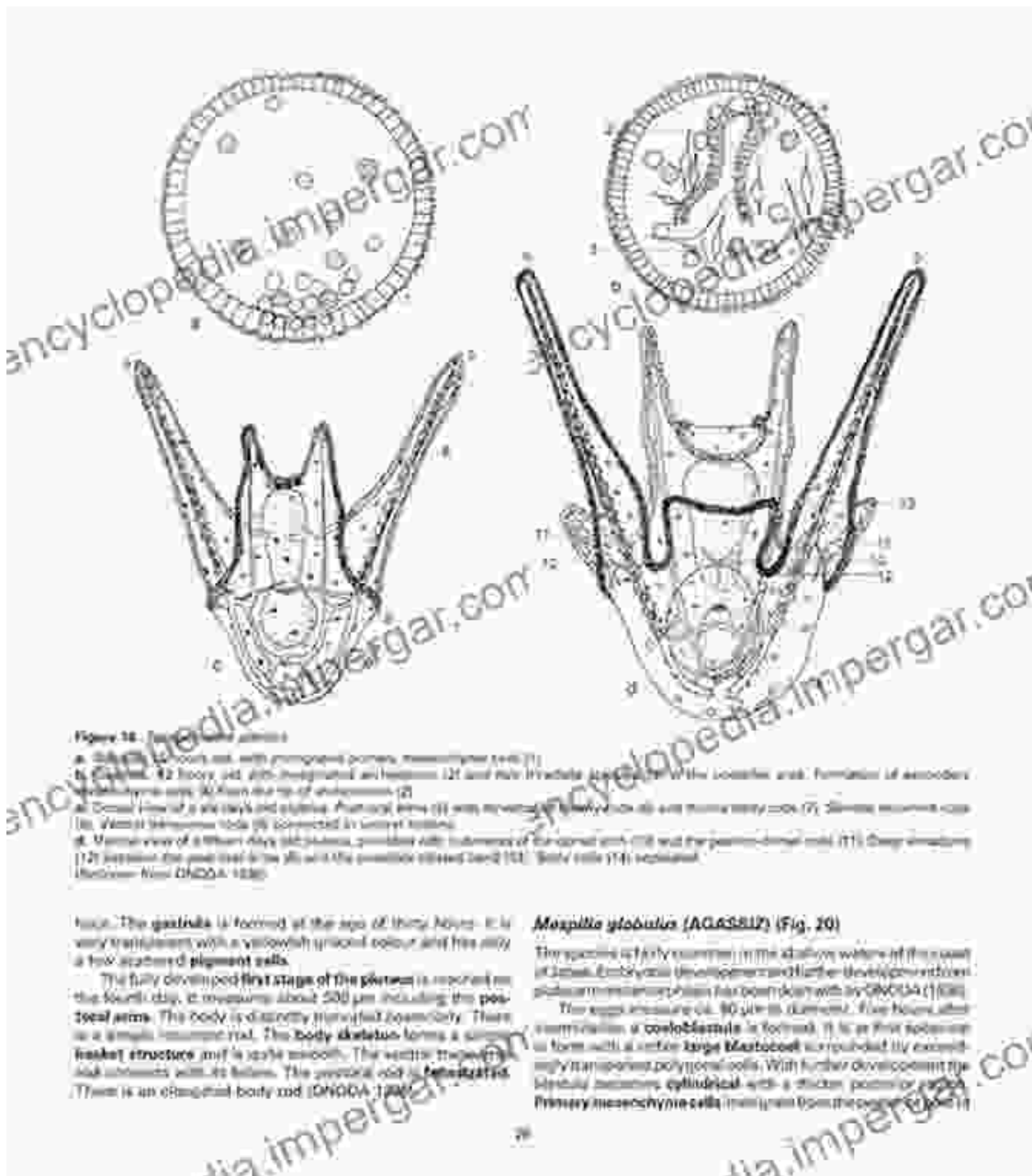


Figure 20. *Mospilia globulus*.

a. Egg, 12 hours old, with yolk granules, mesodermic cells (1) and nuclei (2) and the cell membrane (3). b. Embryo, 12 hours old, with integrated cell masses (1) and the yolk granules (2) and the cell membrane (3). c. Dorsal view of a 24-hour old embryo. Anterior arms (1) and the yolk granules (2) and the cell membrane (3). d. Ventral view of a 48-hour old embryo, showing the gut (1) and the yolk granules (2) and the cell membrane (3). (After Huxley, 1932, p. 133.)

head. The gastrula is formed at the age of three days. It is very translucent with a yellowish granular colour and has only a few scattered pigment cells.

The fully developed first stage of the polychaete is represented by the fourth larva. It measures about 500 µm including the posterior arms. The body is distinctly transverse. There is a small, rounded head. The body skeleton forms a simple basket structure and is quite smooth. The ventral trapezoid and connects with it below. The yolk granules are scattered. There is an oval body and (Huxley, 1932, p. 133.)

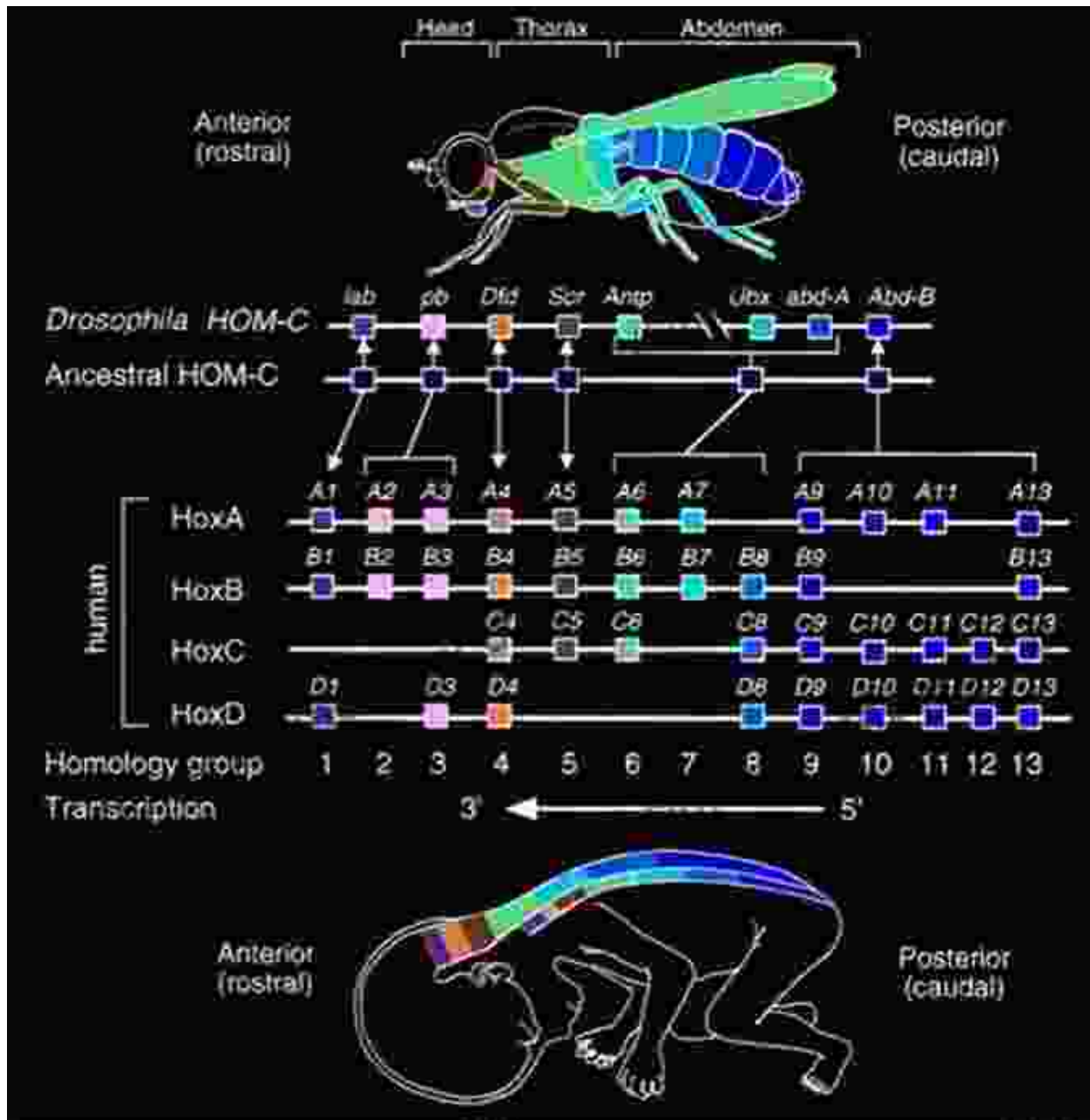
Mospilia globulus (AGASSIZ) (Fig. 20)

The species is fairly common in the shallow waters of the coast of Japan. Embryonic development and larval development are polychaete-like.

The eggs measure 0.4-0.6 µm in diameter. Five hours after fertilisation a coeloblastula is formed. It is at first spherical in form with a rather large blastocoel surrounded by extensively transported polygonal cells. With further development the blastocoel becomes cylindrical with a thicker posterior wall. Freely mesenchymic cells (mesenchyme) from the posterior part of

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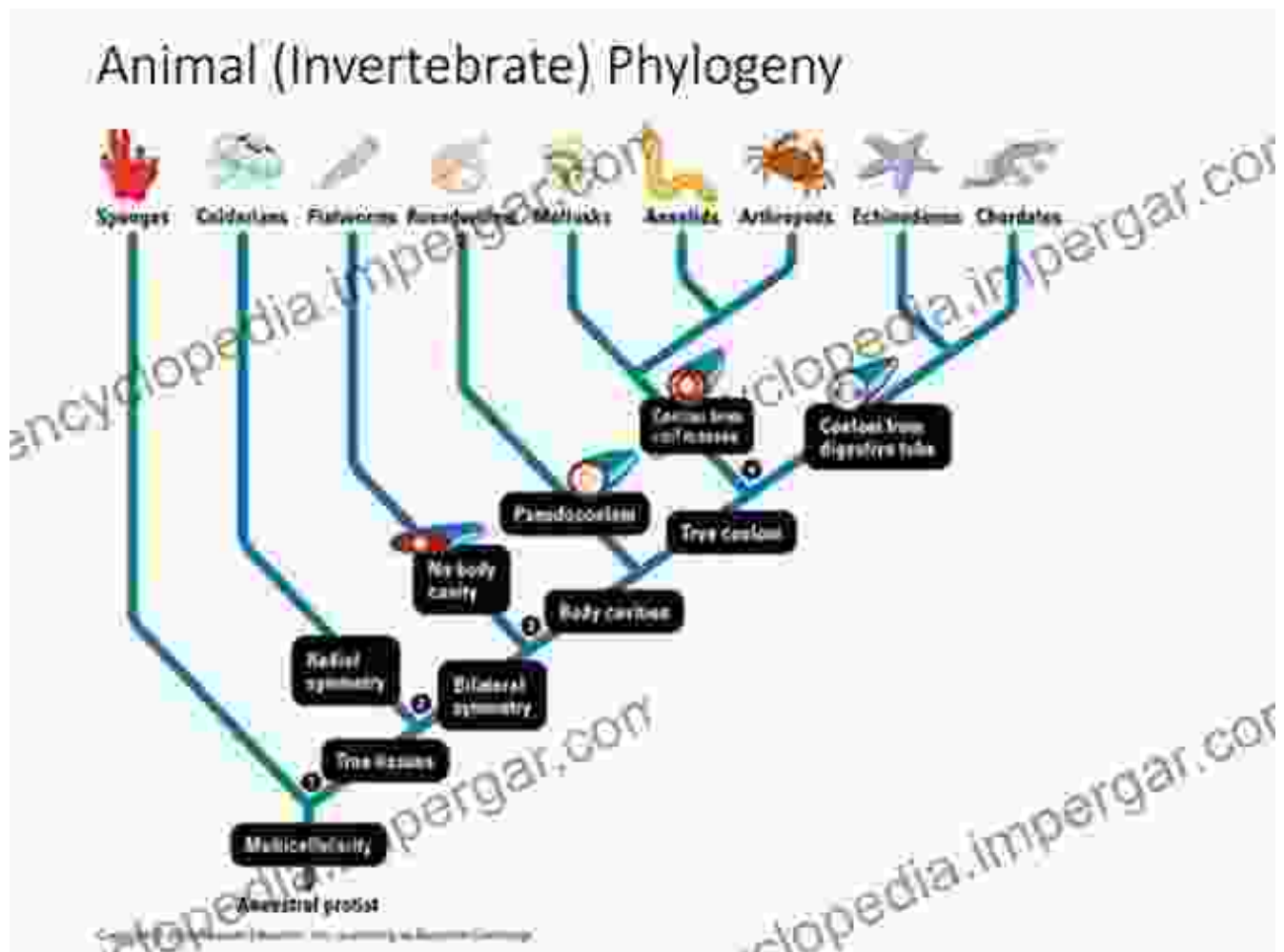


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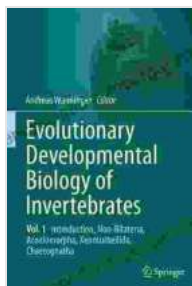
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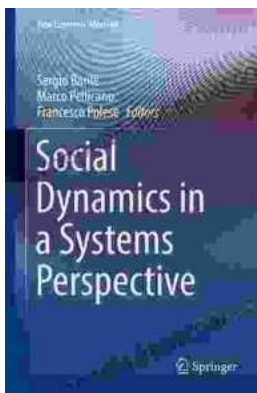
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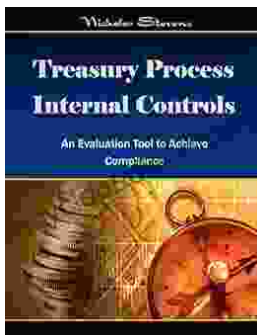
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