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This is a fresh, well-conceived collection on one of the most persistent problems in the philosophy of biology -- the species problem. Unlike most anthologies, but like many species, it is cohesive and integrated.

**(Robert N. Brandon**, Professor of Philosophy and Zoology, Duke University)

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