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Health Benefits of Mediterranean Diet -

Giuseppe Grosso 2019-10-01

Growing evidence shows that a dietary pattern inspired by Mediterranean diet principles is associated with numerous health benefits. A Mediterranean-type diet has been demonstrated to exert a preventive effect toward cardiovascular diseases, in both Mediterranean and non-Mediterranean populations. Part of these properties may depend on a positive action toward healthier metabolism, decreasing the risk of diabetes and metabolic-syndrome-related conditions. Some studies also suggested a potential role in preventing certain cancers. Finally, newer research has showed that a higher adherence to the Mediterranean diet is associated with a lower risk of cognitive decline, depression, and other mental disorders. Overall, a better understanding of the key elements of this dietary pattern, the underlying mechanisms, and targets, are needed to corroborate current evidence and provide insights on new and potential outcomes. This Special Issue welcomes original research and reviews of literature concerning the Mediterranean diet and various health outcomes: Observational studies on established nutritional cohorts (preferred), case-control studies, or population sample on the association with non-communicable diseases; Level of evidence on the association with human health, including systematic reviews and metaanalyses; Evaluation of application of Mediterranean diet principles in non-Mediterranean countries; Description of mechanisms of action, pathways, and targets at the molecular level, including interaction with gut microbiota.

Platelet Rich Fibrin in Regenerative Dentistry -

Richard J. Miron 2017-08-18

The first book devoted exclusively to the subject, Platelet Rich Fibrin in Regenerative Dentistry offers comprehensive, evidence-based coverage of the biological basis and clinical applications of PRF in dentistry. Co-edited by a leading researcher in tissue regeneration and the inventor of the PRF technique, it brings together original contributions from expert international researchers and clinicians. Chapters cover the biological foundation of PRF before addressing specific uses of the technology within clinical dentistry. Topics describe the use of PRF in many dental applications, including extraction socket management, sinus lifting procedures, root coverage, periodontal regeneration, soft tissue healing around implants, guided bone regeneration, and facial esthetics. The text is supplemented with color photographs and explanatory illustrations throughout. Platelet Rich Fibrin in Regenerative Dentistry: Biological Background and Clinical Indications is an indispensable professional resource for periodontists, oral surgeons and oral and maxillofacial surgeons, as well as general dentists who use PRF or are interested in introducing it into their practices. It is also an excellent reference for undergraduate and postgraduate dental students.

[Tourism and Displacement: Pilikula - Karnataka's model Tourism Project? -](#)

Research and Development - 2005

Sugar Y Azúcar - 1982

Catalogue Number for ... - M. J. Satriana 1904

Medical Device Register - 2002

Contains a list of all manufacturers and other specified processors of medical devices registered with the Food and Drug Administration, and permitted to do business in the U.S., with addresses and telephone numbers. Organized by FDA medical device name, in alphabetical order. Keyword index to FDA established standard names of medical devices.

Equine Viruses - Romain Paillot 2020

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations has recently estimated that the world equid population exceeds 110 million. Working equids (horses, ponies, donkeys, and mules) remain essential to ensure the livelihood of poor communities around the world. In many developed countries, the equine industry has significant economical weight, with around 7 million horses in Europe alone. The close relationship between humans and equids and the fact that the athlete horse is the terrestrial mammal that travels the most worldwide after humans are important elements to consider in the transmission of pathogens and diseases, amongst equids and to other species. The potential effect of climate change on vector ecology and vector-borne diseases is also of concern for both human and animal health. In this Special Issue, we intend to explore our understanding of a panel of equine viruses, looking at their pathogenicity, their importance in terms of welfare and potential association with diseases, their economic importance and impact on performance, and how their identification can be helped by new technologies and methods.

Official Gazette of the United States Patent and Trademark Office - 1993

Odontogenesis - Petros Papagerakis

2019-04-22

This volume provides methods and approaches to study genetic and environmental regulatory controls on odontogenesis. Chapters guide readers through protocols for isolation and characterization of both epithelial and mesenchymal dental cells, methods on isolation, phenotypic characterization, expansion, differentiation, immunofluorescence, in situ

hybridization, immunohistochemistry, imaging protocols, rodent dental fluorosis model, 3D assessment of crown size, dental diseases models, next generation sequencing, genetic and epigenetic studies, genome-wide association studies as well as clinical protocols for measurement of early childhood caries and saliva, and supragingival fluids and biofilm collection and subsequent analyses. Written in the highly successful *Methods in Molecular Biology* series format, chapters include introductions to their respective topics, lists of the necessary materials and reagents, step-by-step, readily reproducible laboratory protocols, and tips on troubleshooting and avoiding known pitfalls. Authoritative and cutting-edge, *Odontogenesis: Methods and Protocols* aims to guide researchers towards elucidating the secrets and mysteries of a fascinating and unique organ, the tooth.

Nutrigenetics - Dolores Corella 2018-07-10

This book is a printed edition of the Special Issue "Nutrigenetics" that was published in *Nutrients*

Light Microscopy - Hélio Chiarini-Garcia

2016-08-23

Of all scientific instruments, probably none has had more applications in the life sciences than the light microscope. In *Light Microscopy: Methods and Protocols*, expert researchers explore the basics and the latest advances in microscope instrumentation, sample preparation, and imaging techniques, all of which have been producing fundamental insights into the functions of cells and tissues. Chapters cover a variety of bright field and fluorescence microscopy-based approaches that are central to the study of a range of biological questions, providing information on how to prepare cells and tissues for microscopic investigations, covering detailed staining procedures, and exploring methods to analyze images and interpret the results accurately. Composed in the highly successful *Methods in Molecular Biology*™ series format, each chapter contains a brief introduction, step-by-step methods, a list of necessary materials, and a Notes section which shares tips on troubleshooting and avoiding known pitfalls. Comprehensive and current, *Light Microscopy: Methods and Protocols* is an essential handbook for all

researchers who are exploring the intriguing microscopic world of the cell.

Recent Progress in Slow Sand and Alternative Biofiltration Processes - Rolf Gimbel 2006-03-31

Slow sand filtration is typically cited as being the first "engineered" process in drinking-water treatment. Proven modifications to the conventional slow sand filtration process, the awareness of induced biological activity in riverbank filtration systems, and the growth of oxidant-induced biological removals in more rapid-rate filters (e.g. biological activated carbon) demonstrate the renaissance of biofiltration as a treatment process that remains viable for both small, rural communities and major cities. Biofiltration is expected to become even more common in the future as efforts intensify to decrease the presence of disease-causing microorganisms and disinfection by-products in drinking water, to minimize microbial regrowth potential in distribution systems, and where operator skill levels are emphasized. Recent Progress in Slow Sand and Alternative Biofiltration Processes provides a state-of-the-art assessment on a variety of biofiltration systems from studies conducted around the world. The authors collectively represent a perspective from 23 countries and include academics, biofiltration system users, designers, and manufacturers. It provides an up-to-date perspective on the physical, chemical, biological, and operational factors affecting the performance of slow sand filtration (SSF), riverbank filtration (RBF), soil-aquifer treatment (SAT), and biological activated carbon (BAC) processes. The main themes are: comparable overviews of biofiltration systems; slow sand filtration process behavior, treatment performance and process developments; and alternative biofiltration process behaviors, treatment performances, and process developments.

Human Leptospirosis - W. J. Terpstra 2003-07-03

Leptospirosis is a potentially serious but treatable zoonotic disease representing a worldwide public health hazard. Its symptoms may mimic those of a number of other unrelated infections such as influenza meningitis hepatitis dengue or viral haemorrhagic fevers. It is

important to distinguish leptospirosis from these diseases. For this reason new diagnostic methods have been developed in recent years. In humid tropical and subtropical areas where most developing countries are located leptospirosis poses a greater health problem than in areas with a temperate climate. Because leptospirosis is easily overlooked and consequently underreported in many parts of the world it is necessary to increase awareness and knowledge of the disease as a public health threat. The aim of these guidelines is to assist in this process. The target groups to which these guidelines are directed consist of health workers clinicians laboratory technicians microbiologists public health workers veterinarians and biologists with an interest in zoonoses having no specialized knowledge of leptospirosis but who wish to be generally informed about the microorganism concerned and the disease that it may cause. This is not a handbook and avoids technical details but the interested reader can find further information in the annexes and the general bibliography. These guidelines are concerned essentially with human leptospirosis.

Research & Development - 2005

Journal of Bacteriology - Charles-Edward Amory Winslow 1965

Handbook of Solid Phase Microextraction - Janusz Pawliszyn 2011-11-29

The relatively new technique of solid phase microextraction (SPME) is an important tool to prepare samples both in the lab and on-site. SPME is a "green" technology because it eliminates organic solvents from analytical laboratory and can be used in environmental, food and fragrance, and forensic and drug analysis. This handbook offers a thorough background of the theory and practical implementation of SPME. SPME protocols are presented outlining each stage of the method and providing useful tips and potential pitfalls. In addition, devices and fiber coatings, automated SPME systems, SPME method development, and In Vivo applications are discussed. This handbook is essential for its discussion of the latest SPME developments as well as its in depth information on the history, theory, and practical application of the method.

Practical application of Solid Phase Microextraction methods including detailed steps Provides history of extraction methods to better understand the process Suitable for all levels, from beginning student to experienced practitioner

Solid-Phase Peptide Synthesis - Gregg B. Fields 1997-11-04

The critically acclaimed laboratory standard for more than forty years, *Methods in Enzymology* is one of the most highly respected publications in the field of biochemistry. Since 1955, each volume has been eagerly awaited, frequently consulted, and praised by researchers and reviewers alike. More than 275 volumes have been published (all of them still in print) and much of the material is relevant even today—truly an essential publication for researchers in all fields of life sciences. Key Features * Solid-phase peptide synthesis * Applications of peptides for structural and biological studies *

Characterization of synthetic peptides
Environmental Regulations and Technology - United States. Environmental Protection Agency. Office of Research and Development 1999

Food Engineering Handbook - Theodoros Varzakas 2014-11-24

Food Engineering Handbook: Food Process Engineering addresses the basic and applied principles of food engineering methods used in food processing operations around the world. Combining theory with a practical, hands-on approach, this book examines the thermophysical properties and modeling of selected processes such as chilling, freezing, and dehydration. A complement to *Food Engineering Handbook: Food Engineering Fundamentals*, this text: Discusses size reduction, mixing, emulsion, and encapsulation Provides case studies of solid-liquid and supercritical fluid extraction Explores fermentation, enzymes, fluidized-bed drying, and more Presenting cutting-edge information on new and emerging food engineering processes, *Food Engineering Handbook: Food Process Engineering* is an essential reference on the modeling, quality, safety, and technologies associated with food processing operations today.

American Biotechnology Laboratory - 2005

Saponins in Food, Feedstuffs and Medicinal Plants - W. Oleszek 2013-03-09

Saponins are glycosides of triterpenes, steroids or steroidal alkaloids. They can be found in plants and marine organisms. Very diverse biological activities are ascribed to saponins and they play important roles in food, animal feedstuffs, and pharmaceutical properties. This volume provides a selection of recent work on saponins presented at a symposium in Pulawy, Poland, in 1999. Many different aspects are treated: analysis, separation, biological activities, relevant use in human and animal nutrition, and ecological significance. This book will be of use to researchers both in universities and industry.

Yeast Biotechnology - Ronnie G. Willaert 2018-04-13

This book is a printed edition of the Special Issue "Yeast Biotechnology" that was published in *Fermentation*

Organic Pollutants in Wastewater I - Inamuddin 2018-04-01

Wastewater represents an alternative to freshwater if it can be treated successfully for re-use applications. Promising techniques involve photocatalysis, adsorption, nanocomposites, and membranes. The book focusses on the following topics: Effluent detoxification and degradation kinetics of organic dyes using Fenton and photo-Fenton processes. Degradation of methylene blue using nanocomposites as a potential photocatalyst. Agricultural and agro-industries based wastes as low-cost biosorbents. Use of carbon quantum dots (CQDs) for photocatalytic degradation of organic pollutants. Detection, determination and removal of phenolic compounds from wastewater. Decomposition of organic dyes via photocatalysis. Oxide-semiconductor nanomaterials for photocatalytic wastewater purification. Photocatalytic efficiency of various ZnO composites for degradation of organic pollutants. TiO₂ based nanocomposites. Membrane filtration processes for the removal of organics from industrial wastewater.

Protocols in Lichenology - Ilse Kranner 2012-12-06

As an intricate association between a fungus and one or more green algae or cyanobacteria, lichens are one of the most successful examples

of symbiosis. These fascinating organisms survive extreme desiccation and temperatures. They are adapted to a great variety of habitats, from deserts to intertidal zones, from tropical rain forests to the peaks of the Himalayas and to circumpolar ecosystems. Lichens are extremely efficient accumulators of atmospherically deposited pollutants, and are therefore widely used to monitor environmental pollution. Their wide range of secondary products show pharmaceutically interesting fungicidal, antibacterial and antiviral properties. Lichens are extremely difficult to culture. This manual provides well-tested tissue culture protocols, protocols for studying lichen ultrastructure, (eco)physiology, primary and secondary compounds, and for using lichens as bioindicators.

Approaches to the Purification, Analysis and Characterization of Antibody-Based Therapeutics
- Allan Matte 2020-09-07

Approaches to the Purification, Analysis and Characterization of Antibody-Based Therapeutics provides the interested and informed reader with an overview of current approaches, strategies and considerations relating to the purification, analytics and characterization of therapeutic antibodies and related molecules. While there are obviously other books published in and around this subject area, they seem to be either older (c.a. year 2000 publication date) or are more limited in scope. The book will include an extensive bibliography of the published literature in the respective areas covered. It is not, however, intended to be a how-to methods book. Covers the vital new area of R&D on therapeutic antibodies. Written by leading scientists and researchers. Up-to-date coverage and includes a detailed bibliography.

Innovation in Pharmacy: Advances and Perspectives. September 2018 - Organizer Committee IPAP18 - Salamanca 2018-09-21

This book contains the summaries of the "Innovation in Pharmacy: Advances and Perspectives" that took place in Salamanca (Spain) in September 2018. The early science of chemistry and microbiology were the source of most drugs until the revolution of genetic engineering in the mid 1970s. Then biotechnology made available novel protein agents such as interferons, blood factors and

monoclonal antibodies that have changed the modern pharmacy. Over the past year, a new pharmacy of oligonucleotides has emerged from the science of gene expression such as RNA splicing and RNA interference. The ability to design therapeutic agents from genomic sequences will transform treatment for many diseases. The science that created this advance and its future promise will be discussed. Phillip Allen Sharp is an American geneticist and molecular biologist who co-discovered RNA splicing. He shared the 1993 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine with Richard J. Roberts for "the discovery that genes in eukaryotes are not contiguous strings but contain introns, and that the splicing of messenger RNA to delete those introns can occur in different ways, yielding different proteins from the same DNA sequence. He works in Institute Professor Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, MA, US. Este libro recoge los resúmenes de la «Innovation in Pharmacy: Advances and Perspectives» que tuvo lugar en Salamanca (España) en septiembre de 2018. La ciencia primitiva de la química y la microbiología fue la fuente de la mayoría de las drogas hasta la revolución de la ingeniería genética a mediados de la década de 1970. Luego, la biotecnología puso a disposición agentes proteínicos novedosos como interferones, factores sanguíneos y anticuerpos monoclonales que han cambiado la farmacia moderna. Durante el año pasado, surgió una nueva farmacia de oligonucleótidos a partir de la ciencia de la expresión génica, como el empalme de ARN y la interferencia de ARN. La capacidad de diseñar agentes terapéuticos a partir de secuencias genómicas transformará el tratamiento de muchas enfermedades. La ciencia que creó este avance y su promesa futura será discutida. Phillip Allen Sharp es un genetista y biólogo molecular estadounidense que co-descubrió el empalme de ARN. Compartió el Premio Nobel de 1993 en Fisiología o Medicina con Richard J. Roberts por "el descubrimiento de que los genes en eucariotas no son cadenas contiguas, sino que contienen intrones, y que el empalme del ARN mensajero para eliminar esos intrones puede ocurrir de diferentes maneras, produciendo diferentes proteínas de la misma

secuencia de ADN. Trabaja en el Instituto Profesor Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research, Instituto Tecnológico de Massachusetts (MIT), Cambridge, MA, EE. UU. **American Laboratory** - 2004

Lotus japonicus Handbook - Antonio J. Márquez 2005-10-26

Legumes are very important plants playing a central role in biological research. They are a key component of sustainable agricultural systems because of symbiotic nitrogen fixation and other beneficial symbiosis with mycorrhizal fungi. Studies on most of the major leguminous crops are hampered by large genome sizes and other disadvantages which have hindered the isolation and characterisation of genes with important roles in legume biology and agriculture. For this reason *Lotus japonicus* was chosen as a model species for legume research some ten years ago. Since then, many groups around the world have adopted *Lotus* as a model and have developed numerous resources and protocols to facilitate basic and applied research on this species. This handbook represents the first effort to compile basic descriptions and methods for research in *Lotus*, including symbiotic processes, cell and molecular biology protocols, functional genomics, mutants, gene tagging and genetic analysis, transformation and reverse genetic analysis, primary and secondary metabolism, and an exhaustive update of the scientific literature available on this plant.

Manual for Soil Analysis - Monitoring and Assessing Soil Bioremediation - Rosa Margesin 2005-12-17

This volume presents detailed descriptions of methods for evaluating, monitoring and assessing bioremediation of soil contaminated with organic pollutants or heavy metals. Traditional soil investigation techniques, including chemical, physical and microbiological methods, are complemented by the most suitable modern methods, including bioreporter technology, immunological, ecotoxicological and molecular assays. Step-by-step procedures, lists of required equipment and reagents and notes on evaluation and quality control allow immediate application

Bioassay Techniques for Drug Development - Atta-ur-Rahman 2001-10-04

The goal of an activity-directed isolation process is to isolate bioactive compounds which may provide structural leads of therapeutic importance. Whereas the traditional process of drug development is long and expensive, simple and rapid bioassays can serve as the starting point for drug discovery. This book presents a range of "bench top" bioassays

Nutrition and Eye Health - John Lawrenson 2020-01-03

Blindness and visual impairment impact significantly on an individual's physical and mental well-being. Loss of vision is a global health problem, with approximately 250 million of the world's population currently living with vision loss, of which 36 million are classified as blind. Visual impairment is more frequent in the elderly, with cataract and age-related macular degeneration (AMD) accounting for over 50% of cases globally. Oxidative stress has been strongly implicated in the pathogenesis of both conditions, and consequently the role of nutritional factors, in particular carotenoids and micronutrient antioxidants, have been investigated as possible preventative or therapeutic strategies. Dry eye syndrome (DES) is one of the most common ophthalmic conditions in the world. DES occurs where the eye does not produce enough tears and/or the tears evaporate too quickly leading to discomfort and varying degrees of visual disturbance. There has recently been a great deal of interest in the potential for oral or topical supplementation with essential fatty acids (EFAs), specifically omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids, as an adjunct to conventional treatments for DES. The objective of this Special Issue on 'Nutrition and Eye Health' is to publish papers describing the role of nutrition in maintaining eye health and the use of nutritional interventions to prevent or treat ocular disease. A particular (but not exclusive) emphasis will be on papers (reviews and/or clinical or experimental studies) relating to cataract, AMD and DES.

Microorganisms in Environmental Management - T. Satyanarayana 2012-01-02

Microbes and their biosynthetic capabilities have been invaluable in finding solutions for several intractable problems mankind has encountered in maintaining the quality of the environment. They have, for example, been used to positive

effect in human and animal health, genetic engineering, environmental protection, and municipal and industrial waste treatment. Microorganisms have enabled feasible and cost-effective responses which would have been impossible via straightforward chemical or physical engineering methods. Microbial technologies have of late been applied to a range of environmental problems, with considerable success. This survey of recent scientific progress in usefully applying microbes to both environmental management and biotechnology is informed by acknowledgement of the polluting effects on the world around us of soil erosion, the unwanted migration of sediments, chemical fertilizers and pesticides, and the improper treatment of human and animal wastes. These harmful phenomena have resulted in serious environmental and social problems around the world, problems which require us to look for solutions elsewhere than in established physical and chemical technologies. Often the answer lies in hybrid applications in which microbial methods are combined with physical and chemical ones. When we remember that these highly effective microorganisms, cultured for a variety of applications, are but a tiny fraction of those to be found in the world around us, we realize the vastness of the untapped and beneficial potential of microorganisms. At present, comprehending the diversity of hitherto uncultured microbes involves the application of metagenomics, with several novel microbial species having been discovered using culture-independent approaches. Edited by recognized leaders in the field, this penetrating assessment of our progress to date in deploying microorganisms to the advantage of environmental management and biotechnology will be widely welcomed.

Application of Liquid Chromatography in Food Analysis - Oscar Núñez 2020-10-19

Food products are very complex mixtures consisting of naturally occurring compounds and other substances, generally originating from technological processes, agrochemical treatments, or packaging materials. However, food is no longer just a biological necessity for survival. Society demands healthy and safe food, but it is also increasingly interested in other quality attributes more related to the origin of

the food, the agricultural production processes used, the presence or not of functional compounds, etc. Improved methods for the determination of authenticity, standardization, and efficacy of nutritional properties in natural food products are required to guarantee their quality and for the growth and regulation of the market. Nowadays, liquid chromatography with ultraviolet detection, or coupled to mass spectrometry and high-resolution mass spectrometry, are among the most powerful techniques to address food safety issues and to guarantee food authenticity in order to prevent fraud. The aim of this book is to gather review articles and original research papers focused on the development of analytical techniques based on liquid chromatography for the analysis of food. This book is comprised of six valuable scientific contributions, including five original research manuscripts and one review article, dealing with the employment of liquid chromatography techniques for the characterization and analysis of feed and food, including fruits, extra virgin olive oils, confectionery oils, sparkling wines and soybeans.

Peptide Analysis Protocols - Ben M. Dunn
2013-12-06

As the technology base for the preparation of increasingly c-plex peptides has improved, the methods for their purification and analysis have also been improved and supplemented. Peptide science routinely utilizes tools and techniques that are common to organic chemistry, peptide chemistry, biophysical chemistry, enzymology, pharmacology, and molecular biology. A fundamental understanding of each of these areas is essential for interpreting all of the data that a peptide scientist may see. The purpose of Peptide Analysis Protocols is to provide the novice with sufficient practical information necessary to begin developing useful analysis and separation skills. Understanding and developing these skills will ultimately yield a scientist with broadened knowledge and good problem-solving abilities. Although numerous books that address different specialties, such as HPLC, FAB-MS, CE, and NMR, have been written, until now no single volume has reviewed all of these techniques with a focus on "getting started" in separation and analysis of peptides.

This volume will also provide those who already possess practical knowledge of the more advanced aspects of peptide science with detailed applications for each of these protocols. Because the chapters have been written by researchers active in each of the fields that they discuss, a great deal of information on and insight into solution of real problems that they have encountered is presented. Exemplary results are clearly demonstrated and discussed. For more advanced investigations, supplementary experiments are often suggested.
Genetic Engineering News - 2005

Microbial Production - Hideharu Anazawa
2014-02-20

Microbial production: From genome design to cell surface engineering affords a comprehensive review of novel technology and approaches being implemented for manufacturing microorganisms, written by specialists in both academia and industry. This book is divided into three sections: the first includes technology for improvement of fermentation strains and many supporting technologies and information; the second examines novel technology useful for analysis of cell activities, analyzing gene function, and designing genomes of producer strains; and finally, a discussion of the practical application of the techniques and success case studies in many fields of bio-production, such as microbiological production, pharmaceuticals, chemicals, foods and cosmetics.

Controlled Release Technologies - Agis F.

Kydonieus 2019-10-16

First Published in 1985, this book offers comprehensive insight into the process of administering chemical ingredients. Carefully compiled and filled with a vast repertoire of notes, diagrams, and references this book serves as a useful reference for students of pharmacology and other practitioners in their respective fields.

Handbook of Soil Analysis - Marc Pansu
2007-04-18

This handbook is a reference guide for selecting and carrying out numerous methods of soil analysis. It is written in accordance with analytical standards and quality control approaches. It covers a large body of technical information including protocols, tables, formulae, spectrum models, chromatograms and additional analytical diagrams. The approaches are diverse, from the simplest tests to the most sophisticated determination methods.

The Halfling King - AJ Cooper 2018-05-04

Enchanted Forest, Volume 1: In the Kalamar Forest, the line between the material world and the Otherworld is thin. Here, will o' wisps draw unwary travelers into quicksand; the lupine Firvalg hunt in packs; giant spiders trap victims in sticky webs; and the vicious Mandragora coils through the western swamps in her never-ending search for food. One warrior stands against the forces of darkness and decay, and the encroaching human threat: Pirosha Shortsprout--heir to the throne of Bayne yet smallest of all his people--who will be called the greatest norg that ever lived