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- SOLEM, A. (1989) *The shell makers: introducing mollusks*. New York: Wiley.
- VERDONK, N.E, VAN DER BIGGELAAR, J.A.M. & TOMPA, A.S. (Eds) (1983) *The Mollusca. Volume 3. Development*. New York: Academic.
- HELLER, J. (2001) Life history strategies. Pp. 413–445 in: BARKER, G.M. (Ed.) *The biology of terrestrial molluscs*. Wallingford, UK: CABI.
- GOULD, S.J. (1967) *Pleistocene and Recent history of the subgenus P. (Poecilozonites) (Gastropoda, Pulmonata) in Bermuda: an evolutionary microcosm*. Unpublished doctoral thesis, University of Columbia.
- THOMPSON, F.G. (2008) An annotated checklist and bibliography of the land and freshwater snails of Mexico and Central America. Gainesville, FL: Florida Museum of Natural History.
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