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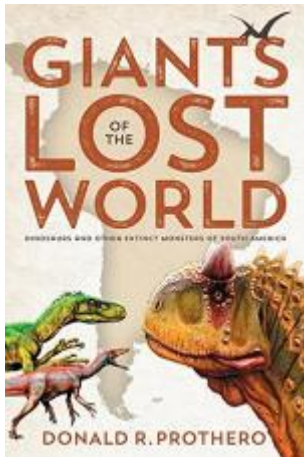
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*Kirkus Reviews* praised *Giants of the Lost World* as delivering "amusing anecdotes, a lucid history of evolutionary ideas, stories of the great fossil discoveries, and an entertaining description of animal evolution on an isolated continent." Prothero, a winner of NCSE's Friend of Darwin award, is the author of a number of books, including *Evolution: What the Fossils Say and Why It Matters* (Columbia University Press, 2007) and *The Story of Life in 25 Fossils* (Columbia University Press, 2015).

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