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All recent ant species are social insects. Due to the variety of species, their worldwide distribution and their wide adaption that the different biospheres have entailed, the ant has been most successful. The secret of its success is largely its social life, which is the most fascinating feature of the family. The lively interest shown in ants is reflected in the great number of papers which have been written on them. In contrast to the great number of individual works on the ant, the total of summarizing ones is severely limited – particularly in German – and there is in fact no modern German summary which deals with the different aspects of the social life of the ant in a comprehensive and generally understandable form. The author has attempted to fill this gap with this book which is not just intended for biologists, biology students and teachers, but also for those interested in social insects, in particular the social life of the ant. Due to the wealth of dissertations on the ant, it has been necessary to place limitations on the material used to present a wide selection. In so doing, the author has limited himself to presenting different aspects of the social life, whilst other aspects which were only indirectly connected with this theme, e.g. the role of ants in the natural economy and the hygienic and economic importance of the ant are not dealt with here. But even the presentation of the social life of the ant has meant further limitations for the author enforced by the limited size of this compilation and the general comprehension of the book. Essentially, emphasis was laid upon marking out the breadth of the subject in hand and illustrating its different aspects. Readers who are interested in specific areas within this broad spectrum will be able to inform themselves of further sources by the wealth of bibliographical data available.