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### BOOK REVIEW

FREDERICK WILLIAM FROHAWK, by Valezina Bolingbroke, 1977. E. W. Classey Ltd. Park Rd. Faringdon, Oxon., England. 16 p., 3 figures (photographs), cover drawing in color by F.W.F.

“. . . I am going to attempt to give just a brief ‘impression’ of him,” writes the author on page 1 of this little memoir. The author is not an artist nor a writer as was Mr. Frohawk, nor a fellow naturalist, but his own daughter. It is obvious from the start that she felt for him the love and admiration which any father hopes to inspire in his daughter. The narrative is a series of glimpses into the past, rather like impressionist paintings seen from a distance, as Ms. Bolingbroke rambles through the English countryside with her readers. One sees an ancient house with moat and drawbridge, a little stone village, an old fashioned garden, a field of cowslips, travellers in a ‘pony trap’—all interspersed with charming and humorous incidents, flashes into the character of her father, his colleagues, his accomplishments and his deep love for all of nature, from a very small butterfly to a very young human being. Frohawk was both author and illustrator of distinguished books on Ornithology and Lepidopterology, but his vast knowledge encompassed many other aspects of nature including wild flowers, reptiles and weather patterns, to name but a few. One is left wanting to know much more than this ‘brief impression’ gives us of F.W.F., as Frohawk was affectionately nicknamed by his friends.

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