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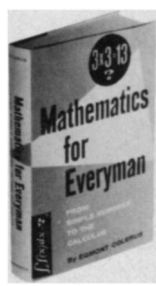
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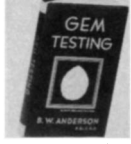
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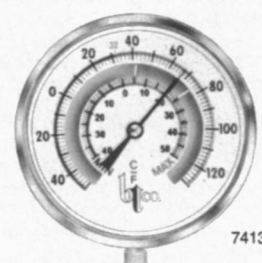
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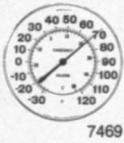
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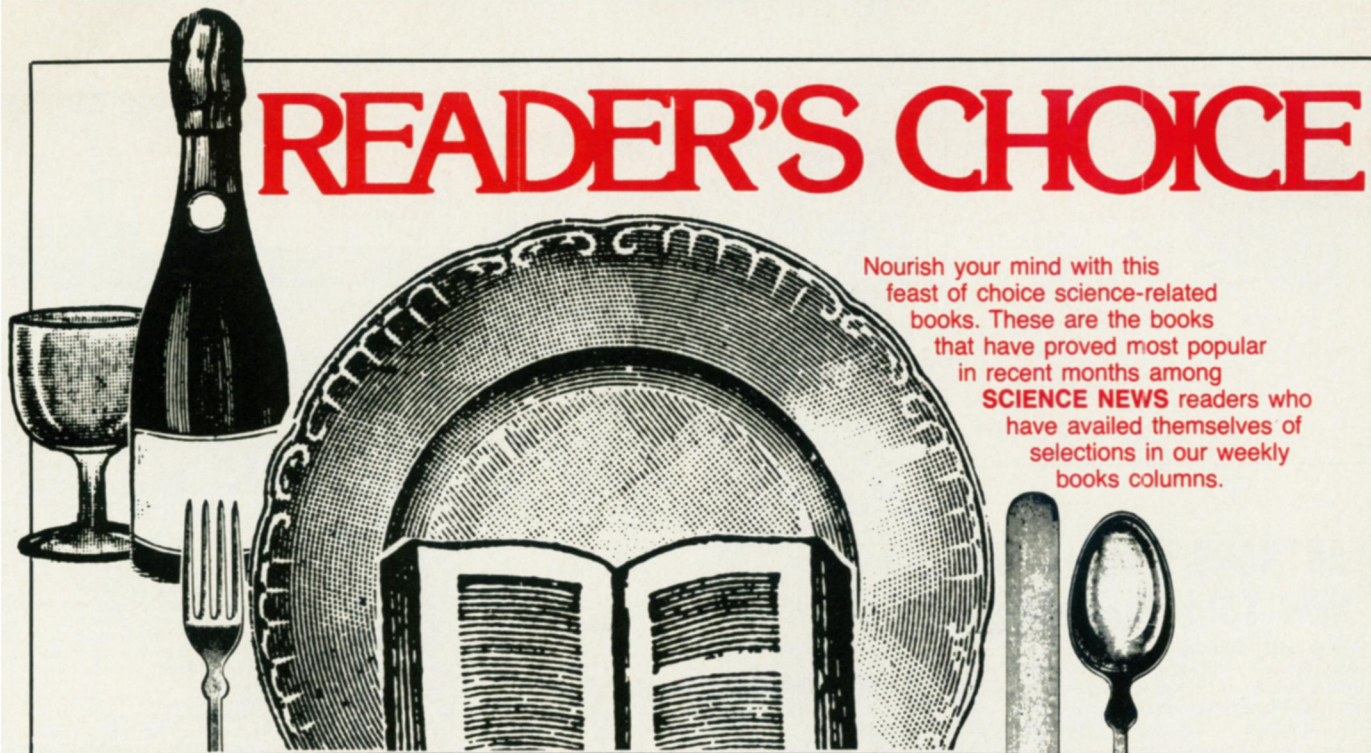
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COMMUNICATION WITH EXTRATERRESTRIAL INTELLIGENCE (CETI)—Carl Sagan, Ed.—MIT Pr, 1975, 428 p., photographs, diagrams, paper, \$6.95. Reprint (1973), scientists discuss the possibilities of life on other planets, interstellar communication. [C]

THE FIRST THREE YEARS OF LIFE—Burton L. White—P-H, 1975, 300 p., illus., tables, \$10. A detailed guide to the intellectual and emotional development of the very young child, describes each of the seven successive developmental phases, suggesting child-rearing practices, parental strategies, toys and equipment. [D]

HERB IDENTIFIER AND HANDBOOK—Ingrid Gabriel—Sterling, 1975, 256 p., color plates, drawings by author, \$6.95. Identifies 114 medicinal plants, their families, popular names and range; describes characteristics, organic substances, medicinal value, and culinary uses. [E]

HOW THE BRAIN WORKS: A new Understanding of Human Learning, Emotion and Thinking—Leslie A. Hart—Basic Bks, 1975, 260 p., drawings, \$10.50. Introduces in a lively manner the anatomy of the human brain and shows how it functions, how we learn, think, remember, and feel in our distinctively human way. [F]

OF TIME, PASSION AND KNOWLEDGE: Reflections on the Strategy of Existence—J. T. Fraser—Braziller, 1975, 542 p., illus., \$20. An encyclopedic inquiry into the major integrative levels in the study of time—the electromagnetic universe, the world of atomic particles, of aggregate matter, of cyclic and aging orders of life, of mind, and of society. [G]

PROBLEM BOOK IN RELATIVITY AND GRAVITATION—Alan P. Lightman et al—Princeton U Pr, 1975, 614 p., \$20; paper, \$7.50. Unique collection of 475 problems (with solutions) arranged by subject and graded by difficulty, in fields at the frontiers of modern physics. [H]

THE SACCHARINE DISEASE: Conditions Caused by the Taking of Refined Carbohydrates, such as Sugar and White Flour—T. L. Cleave; foreword by D. P. Burkitt, M.D.; introd. by Miles H. Robinson, M.D.—Keats, 1975, 216 p., diagrams, tables, \$7.95. Sets out the evolutionary and epidemiological evidence for the author's concept connecting major diseases of Western civilization with over-consumption of concentrated and refined carbohydrates. [J]

SKY AND SEXTANT: Practical Celestial Navigation—John P. Budlong—Van Nos Reinhold, 1975, 157 p., illus., tables, \$7.95. Provides basic, practical methods for finding position from the sun, plotting lines of position at sea, applying hand-held calculators to the mathematical calculations. [K]

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THE STORY OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL DECIPHERMENT: From Egyptian Hieroglyphs to Linear B—Maurice Pope—Scribner, 1975, 216 p., photographs, drawings, map, \$12.50; paper, \$4.95. Story focuses on the decipherers and how they proceeded, from the Renaissance to the present day, to penetrate the mysteries of unknown texts from remote past. [M]

STRETCHING A POINT—Mitch Struble—Westminster Pr, 1974, 128 p., 500 diagrams and drawings, \$4.95. A Franklin Institute book, presents a step-by-step introduction to topology. [N]

TEXTBOOK OF MEDICINE—Paul B. Beeson, M.D. and Walsh McDermott, M.D., Eds.—Saunders, 1975, 14th ed., 2,024 p., illus., single vol.: \$34.50; two-vol. set: \$40. Fully updated basic text for the study of clinical medicine. New emphasis is given to therapy, with chapters ranging from antimicrobial therapy to diet therapy in acute and chronic diseases. [O]

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