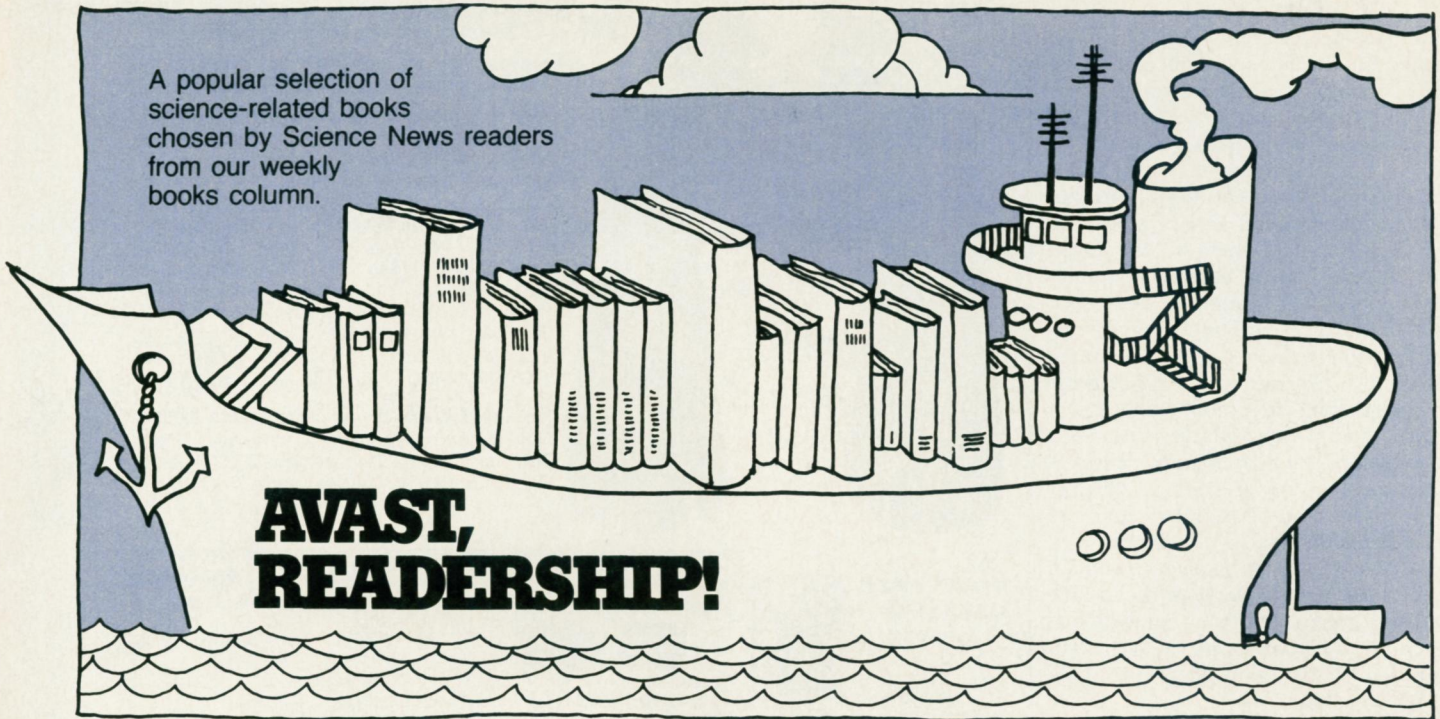


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ALL THE STRANGE HOURS: The Excavation of a Life—Loren Eiseley—Scribner, 1975, 273 p., illus. by Emanuel Haller, \$9.95. Autobiography of naturalist-anthropologist whose exceptionally literary prose brings alive his formative adventurous years as well as his philosophy. (SN 2/14, p. 109) [A]

ASTRONOMY AND COSMOLOGY: A Modern Course—Fred Hoyle—W. H. Freeman, 1975, 725 p., 23 color plates, photographs, diagrams, tables, \$15.95. An exciting textbook, emphasizes such topics as the large-scale structure of the universe, the history of matter, the origin of the planets, and the origin of life. [B]

THE AUTONOMOUS HOUSE: Design and Planning for Self-Sufficiency—Brenda and Robert Vale—Universe Bks, 1975, 224 p., drawings, tables, \$10. Two architects offer practical solutions for building a house that is not linked to utility lines, but instead uses the energy of sun, wind and rain to service itself and process its waste. [C]

THE COURAGE TO CREATE: Rollo May—Norton, 1975, 143 p., \$7.95. Explores the nature of creativity, its relation to the unconscious, the role of the Delphic oracle, and the role of limitation in creativity. [D]

THE EDGE OF REALITY: A Progress Report on Unidentified Flying Objects—J. Allan Hynek and Jacques Vallee—Regnery, 1976, 317 p., 19 photographs, map, \$14.95; paper, \$5.95. Astronomer

and computer-scientist bring up-to-date their speculative inquiry into flying saucer sightings and their interpretations. [E]

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. [F]

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. [G]

HOW TO BUILD A SOLAR HEATER: A complete guide to building and buying solar panels, water heaters, pool heaters, barbecues, and power plants—Ritchie, 1975, 247 p., photographs, drawings, paper, \$4.95. Instructions for the do-it-yourself person. [H]

MASTER HANDBOOK OF 1001 PRACTICAL ELECTRONIC CIRCUITS: Kendall Webster Sessions, Ed.—TAB Bks, 1975, 602 p., 1,250 diagrams, \$12.95; paper, \$9.95. A schematic source-book for technicians and amateur experimenters, classified according to general application, from alarms to transmitters, indexed. [I]

MED-FILE: Drug Interaction System—Harold M. Silverman—Med-File, Inc, 1975, 232 p., paper, \$5.95. Information on what may occur when two or three medications are taken simultaneously. File is arranged to indicate possible interactions for each particular medication involved, from alcohol to nose-drops, from aspirin to tranquilizer agents and vitamins. [J]

MENTAL AND ELEMENTAL NUTRIENTS: A Physician's Guide to Nutrition and Health Care—Carl C. Pfeiffer, M.D. and the Publications Committee of the Brain Bio Center—Keats, 1976, 538 p., tables, \$9.95. Concerned with preventive medicine and the correction of faulty biochemistry, the book discusses the role and function of all known nutrients as well as the clinical problems arising from their lack, or misuse. [K]

PHOTO-ATLAS OF THE UNITED STATES: First Complete Photographic Atlas of the U.S. Using Satellite Photography—Photo-Geographic International—Ritchie, 1975, 9x12, 128 p., 60 photo-maps, \$9.95; paper, \$5.95. Duotone photo mosaics of Landsat imagery of the 48 conterminous states plus Alaska, and full-color Skylab photos of Hawaii and 10 major cities. [L]

PRACTICAL HEAT RECOVERY: John L. Boyen—Wiley-Interscience, 1975, 265 p., diagrams, tables, \$16.95. Directed to engineers, the book treats properties of exhaust gas; gas-to-air, gas-to-water, gas-to-organic fluid heat recovery; recovery by steam generation; the concentric pipe heat exchanger, and insulation against heat loss. [M]

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. [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]

THE TIMETABLES OF HISTORY: A Horizontal Linkage of People and Events—Bernard Grun—S&S, 1975, 670 p., tables, \$24.95. From 4241 B.C. to A.D. 1974, this encyclopedic chronology tabulates mankind's concurrent achievements in political history, literature, religion and philosophy, the visual arts, music, science and technology, and events of daily life. Indexed. [P]

YOUR PET'S SECRET LANGUAGE: How to Understand it and Speak it—Jhan Robbins—Wyden, 1975, 213 p., \$6.95. About communication, both verbal and non-verbal, between owners and dogs, cats, horses and birds. [Q]

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