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(This week's column is devoted exclusively to simple books on science. These are only a few of the great number of simple science books that are being published currently. The age or grade is indicated for the reading level of the average child.—Ed.)

EDGE OF THE OCEAN - William White Jr.-Sterling, 1977, 80 p., photographs & drawings, \$4.95. Describes the unique ecological system that is formed at the ocean's edge where air, sea and land meet, and tells of the wide variety of coastal life teeming along the shore. 10 years and up.

THE ENERGY CRISIS—Tad Szulc—Watts, rev. ed., 1978, 152 p., \$6.90. This book, first published in 1974, has been extensively revised and includes an assessment of President Carter's new energy program, the impact of the Alaskan pipeline and a reassessment of the 1974 crisis in light of subsequent developments. Grades 9 and up.

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drawings, \$5.95. Introduces and explores the laws of physical science through a variety of experiments that are enjoyable to perform and also to watch. Ages 8 to 14.

THE MOUSE — Angela Sheehan — Warwick Pr(Watts), 1978, 24 p., color drawings by Maurice Pledger, \$3.50. A picture story of a wood mouse and her families. Additional facts about the mouse: its anatomy, senses, feeding habits, reproductive cycle and its enemies are included in a special section. Grades 2 to 4.

NATURE'S ODDBALLS - Lisbeth Zappler Doubleday, 1978, 148 p., photographs, \$5.95. Unusual animals of the world, including a New Zealand parrot that kills sheep, the Sloth bear of India that eats termites, blood sucking moths, walking fish and the seahorse. 9 to 14 years.

ROCKS AND MINERALS - Robin Kerrod -Warwick Pr(Watts), 1978, 44 p., color photographs & drawings, \$5.90. The beautiful illustrations add to the text, which discusses the origin of rocks and minerals, gemstones, mineral ores and their extraction, and rocks from other worlds. Grades 5 and up.

SEASHORE -- David Lambert - Warwick Pr (Watts), 1978, 44 p., color photographs & drawings, \$5.90. Examines the different seashore envi-- cliffs and dunes, sand and rocks, coral reefs and mangrove swamps — and the interesting creatures that inhabit these types of environments. Grades 5 and up.

WHAT REALLY HAPPENED TO THE DINOSAURS? — Daniel Cohen — Dutton, 1977, 70 p., drawings by Haru Wells, \$7.50. Examines the theories that scientists hold today to explain this intriguing mystery. Grades 3 to 5.

WILDFLOWERS: And the Stories Behind Their Names — Phyllis Busch — Scribner, 1977, 88 p., color and b&w drawings by Anne Ophelia Dowden, \$9.95. Tells who was the first to name the plants, what they called them and why. 10 years and

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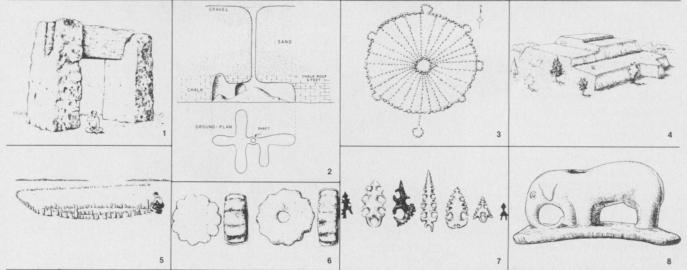
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