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ALBERT EINSTEIN'S THEORY OF GENERAL RELATIVITY — Gerald E. Tauber, Ed. — Crown, 1979, 352 p., illus., \$14.95. Reviews the theory of general relativity and presents Einstein's contribution to the scientific thinking of today in nontechnical language. Much of the contents come from Einstein's own writings, with contributions from leading scientists on their work on new developments in general relativity, relativistic astrophysics and cosmology, together with tributes to Einstein. [1]

THE AMBIDEXTROUS UNIVERSE: Mirror Asymmetry and Time-Reversed Worlds — Martin Gardner — Scribner, 2nd ed., 1979, 293 p., illus., \$9.95. Originally published in 1964, this book has been revised, updated and expanded to include five new chapters on the latest speculations on time and how they relate to physics and cosmology. [2]

ATLAS OF MAN — John Gaisford — St Martin, 1978, 272 p., color illus., \$25. A beautifully illustrated book describing the main groups of people, more than 400, living in the world today. A general introduction to the various areas where the groups are found gives a perspective on the circumstances in which the inhabitants live. An opening section looks at mankind from a worldwide point of view and serves as an introduction to the themes that recur throughout the book. [3]

THE BRAIN: The Last Frontier — Richard M. Restak — Doubleday, 1979, 418 p., illus., \$12. A neurologist discusses up-to-date knowledge of the brain—its physical organization and activities; how language, health, emotion, intelligence and personality are affected by the brain, how the brain is influenced by nutrition, heredity, drugs and environment; and aspects of research that have philosophical, social, moral and political implications. [4]

THE CANCER REFERENCE BOOK: Direct and Clear Answers to Everyone's Questions — Paul M. Levitt et al — Paddington, 1979, 271 p., illus., \$10. This book is a nontechnical account, in question-and-answer format, of cancer. Includes a description of the 21 most common kinds of cancer, and discusses proven methods of treatment. Widespread cancer and terminal care are covered, unproven methods are presented and the future of research and treatment is explored. [5]

CATASTROPHE THEORY — Alexander Woodcock and Monte Davis — Dutton, 1978, 152 p., illus., \$9.95. Catastrophe theory, a controversial new way of thinking about change, is a mathematical language that uses geometrical shapes (called catastrophes) to transform abstract concepts into concrete visual pictures. The theory is explained for the general reader and examples are given as to how this theory can be used. [6]

THE CHEMISTRY OF HUMAN BEHAVIOR — Herbert L. Meltzer — Nelson-Hall, 1979, 261 p., illus., \$17.95. Focuses on the brain as a functioning organ and on the complexity of its chemical morphological organization. This book is intended as a progress report for the informed layman, telling where the author thinks we are in the pursuit of detailed knowledge of brain chemistry, how this knowledge might relate to human behavior and where further research is needed. [7]

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THE POND: The Life of the Aquatic Plants, Insects, Fish, Amphibians, Reptiles, Mammals, and Birds that Inhabit the Pond and its Surrounding Hillside and Swamp — John G. Samson — Knopf, 1979, 134 p., drawings by Victoria Blanchard, \$7.95. A charming simple science book that attempts to show nature as it is without imposing any irrelevant human value judgments upon it. Drawings (above) from *The Pond* © 1979 by John G. Samson. Illustrations; Victoria Blanchard. Alfred A. Knopf. [17]

THE ROAD TO THE STARS — Iain Nicolson — Morrow, 1978, 224 p., color and b&w photographs and drawings, \$14.95. Maintains the view that interstellar travel will become technically feasible during the 21st century. Examines the basic principles of interstellar travel, progress to date, problems of flight and how these journeys may be accomplished. Discusses the reasons for interstellar travel and the likely effects on individuals and the human race. [18]

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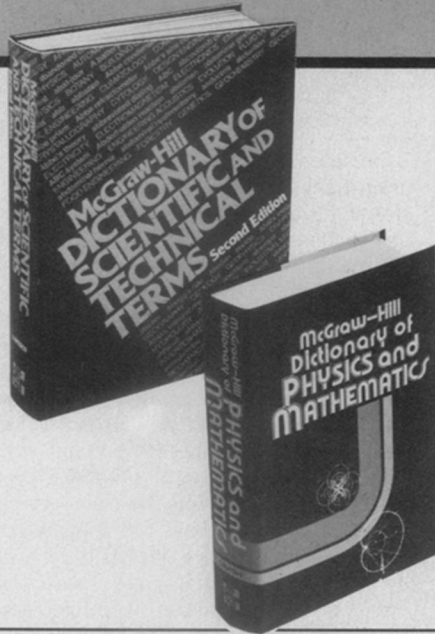
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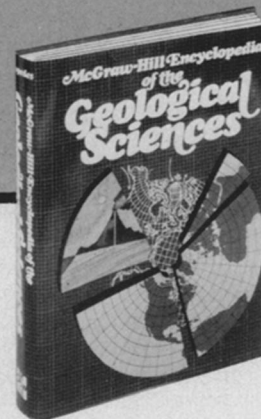
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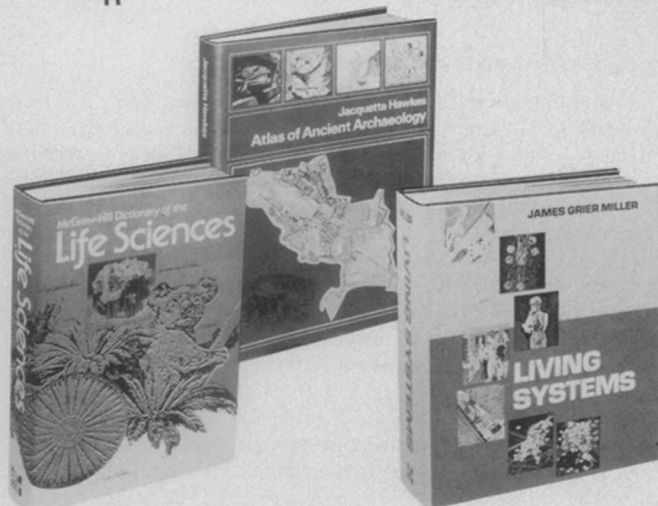
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