ASTHMA: The Facts — Donald J. Lane. Discusses for asthma sufferers and their families the causes of asthma attacks, the symptoms and treatment. Includes a chapter based on personal experience by Anthony Storr. Oxford U Pr, 1979, 163 p., illus., \$11.95, paper, 1981, \$5.95. [1]

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HUMAN COMMUNICATION: Language and Its Psychobiological Bases — Introductions by William S-Y. Wang. These readings from Scientific American reflect the many disciplines involved in the study of language. Language is considered within an evolutionary framework, several specific languages are discussed and the last section deals with how language is organized in the human head and used in daily life. WH Freeman, 1982, 186 p., color/b&w illus., \$17.95, paper, \$9.95. [8]

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MAYA: The Riddle and Rediscovery of a Lost Civilization — Charles Gallenkamp. The first edition of this book was published in 1959. Since then, intensive research necessitated the updating and expansion of the original text in 1976. The continuing disclosure of new data has required the inclusion of additional changes in the present edition to reflect the new ideas regarding the nature of Maya society. Penguin, 1981, 2nd rev. ed., 235 p., illus., paper, \$5.95. [11]

THE MIND'S BEST WORK — D.N. Perkins. This book is about creating in the arts and in the sciences, with products such as poems, paintings, scientific discoveries and theories. Activities that the reader can attempt are included in most chapter sections. These activities couple a task with some sort of introspection into the workings of the mind. Harvard U Pr, 1981, 314 p., drawings by the author, \$18.50. [12]

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TWINS: An Uncanny Relationship? — Peter Watson. Reports a University of Minnesota study of identical twins who were reared apart. Explores the mathematical probability of the twins' similarities. Examines twin research being conducted throughout the world. Viking Pr, 1981, 207 p., charts & graphs, \$12.95. [16]

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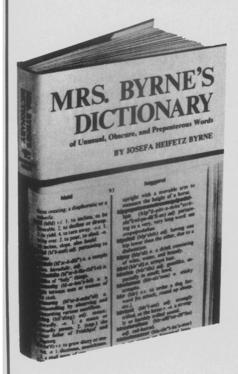
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