

Edison *didn't* Invent the Light Bulb

Thomas Edison simply improved upon a principle others had discovered and worked on for years.

Furthermore...

- Cleopatra was not Egyptian.
- Darwin did not originate the idea of evolution.
- Lindbergh did not make the first nonstop transatlantic flight.
- Robert Fulton did not invent the steamboat.
- It was not Marie Antoinette who said, "Let them eat cake."
- The Emancipation Proclamation did not free any slaves.
- Ostriches do not hide their heads in the sand.
- The first American colonists did not live in log cabins.
- Delilah did not cut Samson's hair.
- Galileo did not demonstrate any of his theories by dropping objects off the Leaning Tower.

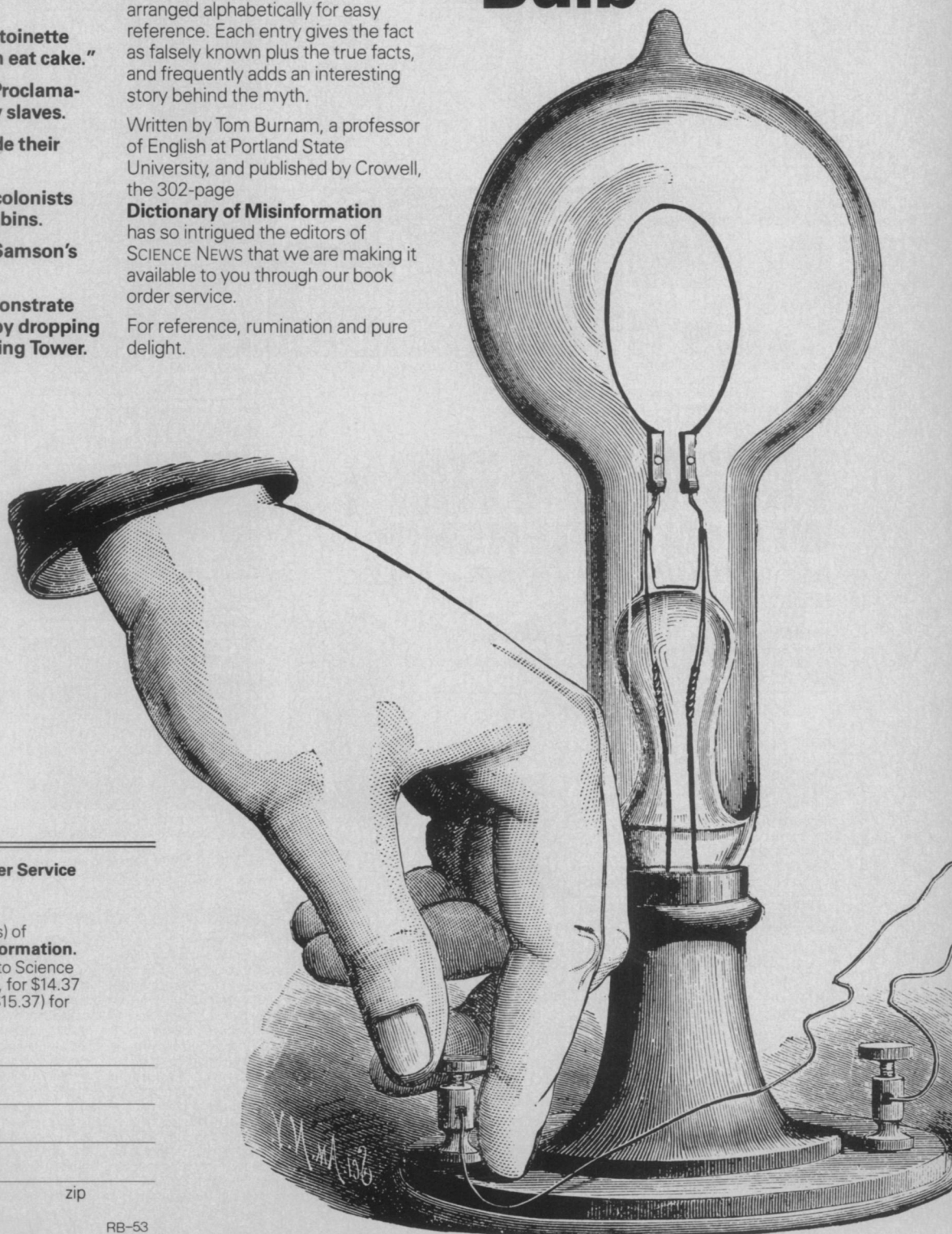
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Written by Tom Burnam, a professor of English at Portland State University, and published by Crowell, the 302-page **Dictionary of Misinformation** has so intrigued the editors of *SCIENCE NEWS* that we are making it available to you through our book order service.

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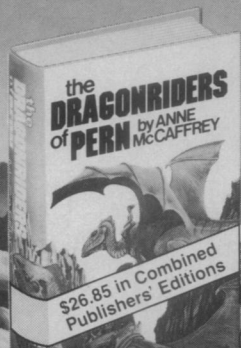
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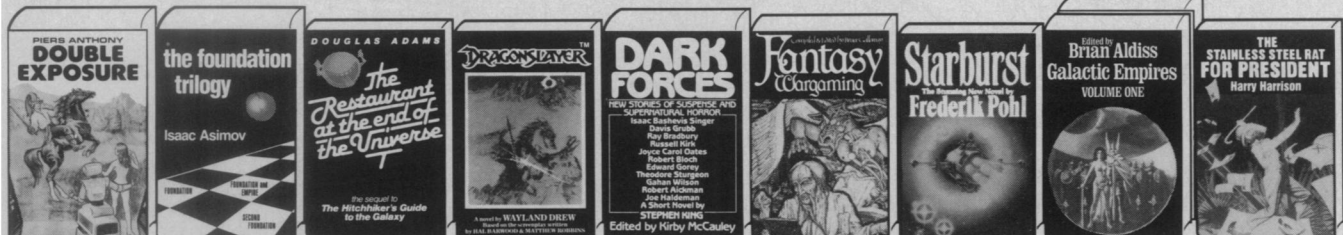
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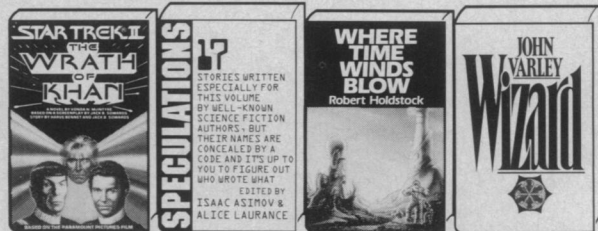
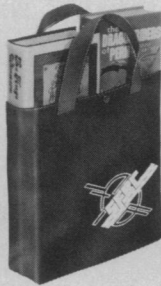


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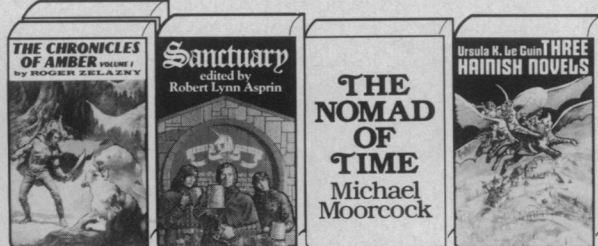
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