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Ecological Imperialism: The Biological Expansion of Europe, 900-1900 — Alfred W. Crosby. The author's thesis is that Europeans were able to displace native peoples in the Americas and Oceania because of the rapid triumph of the plants, animals and germs the Europeans brought with them. Originally published in hardback in 1986. Cambridge UPr, 1988, 368 p., illus., paper, \$10.95.

The Facts on File Dictionary of Astronomy — Valerie Illingworth, Ed. This dictionary, originally published in 1979, was revised in 1985 to include the recent advances in astronomical knowledge. The revision added 250 entries, bringing the total entries to more than 2,300. This second edition has now been published in paperback. Facts on File, 1988, 437 p., illus., paper, \$12.95.

Genetic Engineering for Almost Everybody — William Bains. An assessment of what has been achieved through genetic engineering, what may be achieved in the near future and what is not possible. Traces the development of genetic engineering through genetics, molecular biology and the decoding of DNA. Describes the breakthroughs in genetic engineering, such as artificially manufactured human growth hormone and insulin. Discusses the ethical and practical implications of genetic engineering. Penguin, 1988, 214 p., paper, \$6.95.

Renewable Energy: Today's Contribution, Tomorrow's Promise — Cynthia Pollock Shea. Brazil, Israel, Japan, the Philippines and Sweden are, according to this Worldwatch report, well on their way toward major reliance on renewable energy sources. Investments in the development and use of renewable energy technologies now amount to some \$30 billion annually, says Shea. Two-thirds is spent on hydroelectric projects, with the remainder divided among biomass, geothermal, solar and wind equipment. Worldwatch Inst, 1988, 68 p., paper, \$4.

Trees for Small Gardens — Brian Davis. A tree, according to the introduction, is the natural focal point of a small garden and should have a decorative effect. This pocket guide describes 300 popular varieties of trees ranging in height from 6 to 52 feet and in spread from 3 to 32 feet. A photograph is included with each tree description, which also includes origin, use, hardiness, soil and sun requirements, pruning and possible problems. Rodale Pr, 1988, 96 p., color illus., paper, \$7.95.

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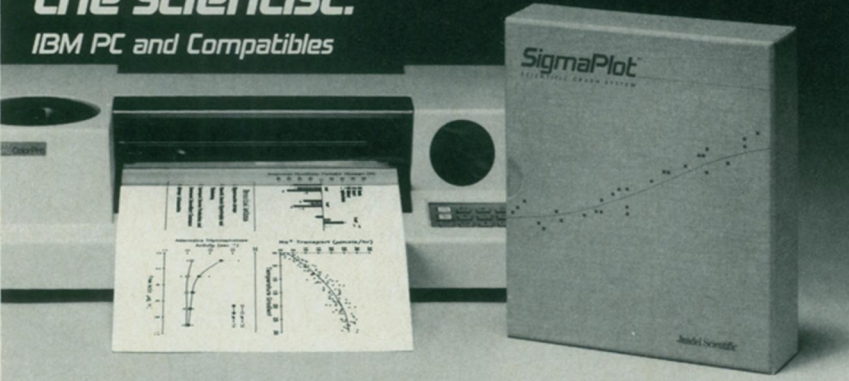
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