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Last Chance to See — Douglas Adams and Mark Carwardine. Science-fiction novelist Adams, who wrote the *Hitchhiker's Trilogy*, and zoologist Carwardine traveled around the world in search of exotic and endangered species, such as Madagascar's aye-aye lemur and Zaire's white rhinos. This is the log of their adventures, infused with Adams' famous wit and the authors' poignant reflections on the astonishing variety and imminent peril of these rare species. Crown, 1991, 220 p., color plates, hardcover, \$20.00.

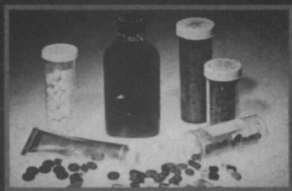
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