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Book of North American Birds — Reader's Digest. Showcases more than 600 species, providing brief essays on each bird's identification; unique characteristics; and food, habitat and nesting preferences. Entries are beautifully illustrated with an original color portrait of each bird, along with line drawings and range maps. Includes a list of prime birdwatching spots across the United States. A lovely, browsable book for nature lovers and bird buffs. FD Assn, 1990, 576 p., color/b&w illus., hardcover, \$32.95.

The Cuckoo's Egg: Tracking a Spy Through the Maze of Computer Espionage — Cliff Stoll. The true story of an astrophysicist-turned-systems-manager who caught the "Hanover Hacker" and has since become a leading authority on computer security. Reads like a captivating spy novel. Originally published in hardcover in 1989. Pocket Bks, 1990, 326 p., paperback, \$5.95.

Energy for Planet Earth. This collection of articles from SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN analyzes U.S. energy use by site (home and buildings, industry, motor vehicles) and source (fossil fuels, nuclear power, the sun), outlining the social and economic factors that regulate use and offering suggestions on how existing use patterns can be altered for greater efficiency. A *Readings from Scientific American Magazine* book. W H Freeman, 1991, 161 p., color/b&w illus., paperback, \$12.95.

The Innocent Assassins: Biological Essays on Life in the Present and Distant Past — Björn Kurtén. These extensively illustrated essays offer lay readers an entertaining cornucopia of science philosophy, explanations of the evolution of Earth and its inhabitants, and anecdotes from the author's own field research. Among other things, Kurtén reviews the 1956 movie "The Incredible Shrinking Man" from a biologist's standpoint and describes the experience of eating a stew made from a 36,000-year-old frozen bison. Columbia U Pr, 1991, 206 p., illus., hardcover, \$19.95.

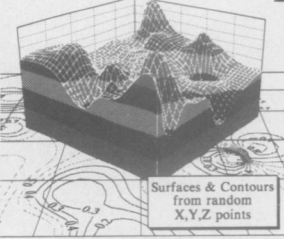
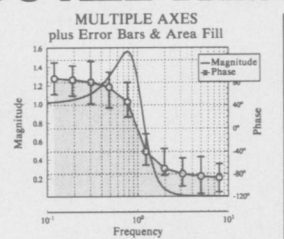
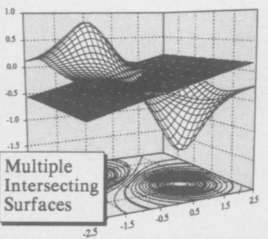
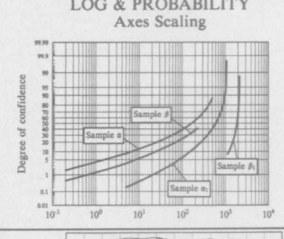

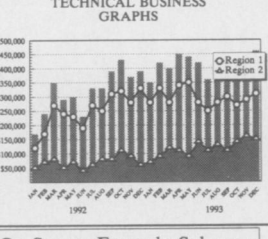
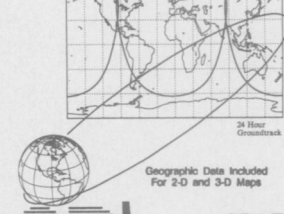
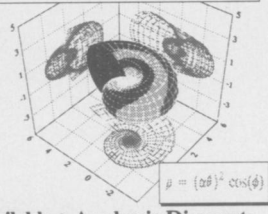
Keep Your Eye on the Ball: The Science and Folklore of Baseball — Robert G. Watts and A. Terry Bahill. Does a curve ball really curve? This book explores the physics of baseball, explaining the flight of the ball, the forces acting on the ball, and the meeting of ball and bat. The authors investigate whether the laws of physics allow for certain feats, such as a batter keeping track of a pitched ball all the way to the plate, and review physiological traits that help determine a player's batting performance. Originally published in hardcover in 1990. W H Freeman, 1991, 213 p., illus., paperback, \$12.95.

Rodale's Chemical-Free Yard & Garden: The Ultimate Authority on Successful Organic Gardening — Fern Marshall Bradley, Ed. A comprehensive handbook of all-natural methods for weed, disease and insect control in every part of the garden. Helpful reference sections include an in-depth guide to nontoxic products and an encyclopedia of vegetables, flowers, fruits and trees, describing the symptoms and treatment for these species' common problems. Rodale Pr Inc, 1991, 456 p., illus., hardcover, \$23.95.

"They Never Want to Tell You": Children Talk About Cancer — David J. Bearison. This developmental psychologist and psychotherapist argues that children with cancer need open, straightforward discussions of their condition with parents and medical professionals. He goes on to let eight children speak for themselves about having cancer, and then explores common themes arising in their narratives, including God and prayer, relationships with friends and family, and fears about losing hair. An enlightening resource for parents, children and medical professionals. Harvard U Pr, 1991, 194 p., hardcover, \$19.95.

When Pregnancy Isn't Perfect: A Layperson's Guide to Complications in Pregnancy — Laurie A. Rich. After briefly outlining what to expect from a normal pregnancy, Rich surveys the nature, causes, treatment and likely results of several major complications that can arise. She also provides helpful chapters covering cesarean sections, multiple births and enforced bedrest. A valuable guide for the more than 20 percent of women who experience complications during pregnancy. Dutton, 1991, 348 p., hardcover, \$19.95.

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