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The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Earth Sciences — Ailsa Allaby and Michael Allaby, Eds. Includes more than 6,000 alphabetically arranged, cross-referenced entries drawn from climatology, geology, oceanography, mineralogy, paleontology and other earth sciences. Oxford U Pr, 1991, 410 p., paperback, \$9.95.

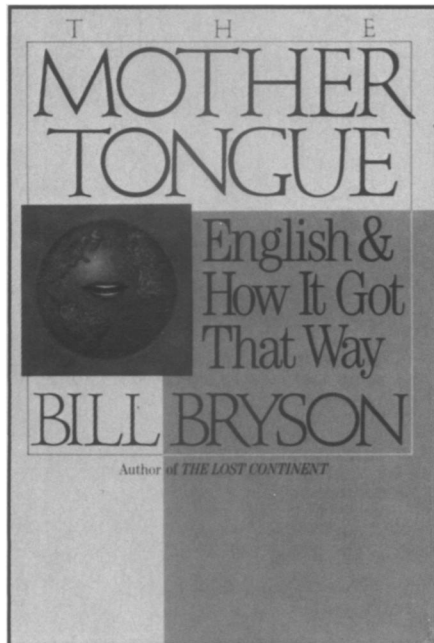
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In the Mind's Eye: Visual Thinkers, Gifted People with Learning Difficulties, Computer Images, and the Ironies of Creativity — Thomas G. West. Explores the complex interactions among creative ability, visual thinking and learning disabilities, explaining how certain traits considered problematic in traditional educational systems may confer an advantage to those relying on a visual approach to problem solving. Includes a discussion of learning difficulties experienced by several of history's most creative intellects, including Albert Einstein, Thomas Edison and Lewis Carroll. West proposes that new computer technologies may bring a shift toward more visual thinking, encouraging the innovation of visual thinkers. Prometheus Bks, 1991, 359 p., b&w plates, hardcover, \$24.95.

Nature's Thumbprint: The New Genetics of Personality — Peter B. Neubauer and Alexander Neubauer. A father and son, psychoanalyst and science writer, make a case for nature over nurture in the development of human personality and physiology. Writing for the general reader, they cite two recent major surveys of twins raised apart to show that the genetic component is significant and interacts with environment in its influence on development. Originally published in hardcover in 1990. Addison-Wesley, 1991, 223 p., paperback, \$10.95.

Physiology of Sports — T. Reilly, N. Secher, P. Snell and C. Williams, Eds. This well-referenced, academic analysis of the physiological requirements of major sports opens with a general chapter on energy stores, muscle morphology and aerobic and anaerobic metabolism. Each of the following chapters briefly introduces a specific type of sport and its history, then outlines its physiological demands, the characteristics of individuals who excel at it, factors that can influence performance, and common training strategies. Written for the serious reader with a basic understanding of physiology. Routledge Chapman & Hall, 1990, 495 p., charts & diagrams, paperback, \$37.50.

The Population Explosion — Paul R. Ehrlich and Anne H. Ehrlich. The authors examine ways to ease the burden of overpopulation, which contributes substantially, they say, to problems as diverse as African famine, global warming, acid rain, pollution, the garbage crisis and AIDS. Originally published in hardcover in 1990. S&S, 1991, 320 p., paperback, \$9.95.



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