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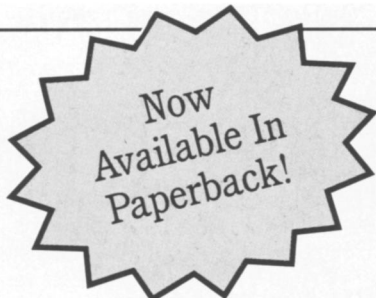
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**The Greenland Mummies** — Jens Peder Hart Hansen, Jørgen Meldgaard and Jørgen Nordqvist, Eds. A detailed examination of the archaeological investigations conducted on eight mummified women and children found in Greenland in 1972 and what they reveal about medieval Inuit culture and living conditions. The bodies, dating back to 1475, were buried according to Inuit tradition and were remarkably preserved by the dry air and low temperature. The text is well illustrated with photographs and diagrams and, although technical, is accessible to general readers. Smithsonian, 1991, 192 p., color illus., hardcover, \$39.95.

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