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The Voice of the Earth — Theodore Roszak. The author predicts that "ecopsychology" — understanding the needs of the planet and its people as a continuum — will become a familiar term as people comprehend that human and planetary needs are fundamentally inseparable. Drawing on such sources as the Gaia hypothesis, which depicts the Earth as a self-regulating organism, Roszak argues that the motivation for change on a planetary scale must come from a personal need for an improved quality of life. S&S, 1992, 365 p., hardcover, \$23.00.

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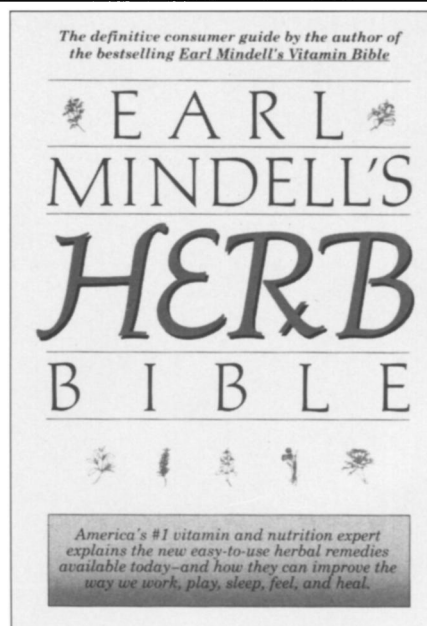
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