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Another Fine Math You've Got Me Into ...

— Ian Stewart. These games and recreational math puzzles represent a selection of 16 columns written by the author for Pour Ia Science, the French edition of Scientific American. The stories, with such titles as "Tile and Error" and "Sofa, So Good," are based upon a significant mathematical idea and contain a hint of seriousness. W H Freeman, 1992, 269 p., paperback, \$13.95.

Antarctica: The Last Unspoiled Continent — Laurence Pringle. A generously illustrated examination of the history, exploration, geology, climate, wildlife, and ecology of the White Continent. The author of more than 60 science books for young readers describes an area that contains 10 percent of the Earth's land, but is not owned by anyone, and is one of the driest places on Earth while locking up two-thirds of our planet's fresh water. A barren mass of ice two-to-three miles deep, Antarctica nonetheless nurtures a rich variety of plant and animal life. For readers 8 to 12. S&S Trade, 1992, 56 p., hardcover, \$15.00.

The Art of Science: A Practical Guide to Experiments, Observations, and Handling Data—Joseph J. Carr. This comprehensive guide to the scientific process and its methodology emphasizes critical thinking and how graphs and statistics are used to present scientific data. The author, an engineer, author of numerous science and technology books, and experienced science fair judge, includes a chapter for science tair participants to show what judges look for in winning projects. For students and scientists alike. HighText, 1992, 365 p., paperback, \$19.95.

The Assault on Truth: Freud's Suppression of the Seduction Theory—Jeffrey Moussaieff Masson. A former projects director of the Freud Archives asserts that Freud abandoned a valid scientific finding because he was reluctant to face the reality of child sexual abuse and feared his colleagues' negative reactions to such a theory. Masson examines the formative years of psychoanalysis and gauges the impact of psychoanalysis on the current furor over child sexual abuse. HarperCollins, 1992, 316 p., paperback, \$11.00

The Athenian Agora: Excavations in the Heart of Classical Athens — John M. Camp. A professor at the American School of Classical Studies at Athens assembles the findings of 60 years of the school's work, which describe the Agora, the marketplace in Ancient Greece, from Neolithic to medieval times. Among the discoveries are 180,000 objects and the identities of over 100 buildings, including the senate house, the Hephaisteion, and the now reconstructed Stoa of Attalos. Tharmes Hudson, 1992, 232 p., paperback, \$22.50.

One Man's Garden — Henry Mitchell. This collection of columns written over the past 20 years for the Washington Post describes the author's wide-ranging adventures in his small, city garden. Dealing with likely and unlikely gardening decisions, his topics range from the serious, "Tea Roses: The Secrets of Success," to the comical, "Before You Bring In the Plants, Make Sure Your Rugs Are Clean." HM, 1992, 262 p., hardcover, \$21.95.

Origins: The Lives and Worlds of Modern Cosmologists — Alan Lightman and Roberta Brawer. Twenty-seven cosmologists talk about their childhoods and early influences, their motivations, prejudices, and world views. With an introduction that traces the surge of new ideas that has recently shaken cosmological thinking. Harvard U Pr. 1992, 561 p., paperback, \$16.95.

Star Maps for Beginners — I.M. Levitt and Roy K. Marshall. This guide features 12 maps that divide the sky into quadrants, with charts to facilitate orientation in any compass direction and trace the month-by-month progression of the constellations. Includes tables that show the approximate positions for the planets for the years 1992-1997, an overview of the solar system, and up-to-date facts about the orbit, size, atmosphere, internal structure, climate and terrain of each planet. Written by the director emeritus of the Fels Planetarium at The Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, and the late former director of the Morehead planetarium in North Carolina. Fireside, 1992, 63 p., paperback, \$10.00.

