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A Fierce Green Fire: The American Environmental Movement — Philip Shabecoff. Many people over the years have sensed the damage being inflicted upon the Earth, and some have even tried to stop it. Franklin and Theodore Roosevelt mandated pollution control and environmental protection policies, but both presidents were sidetracked by war. Not until Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* did many people fully realize the extent of the destruction being done and the need to speak out and take action. Shabecoff investigates the history, the power, and the direction of the environmental movement among Americans who have taken on the crusade. Hill & Wang, 1993, 352 p., hardcover, \$25.00.

The Evening Garden: Flowers and Fragrance from Dusk till Dawn — Peter Loewer. From a leading garden enthusiast comes a comprehensive look at what blooms at night — the only time many people have to work in and enjoy their garden. Chapter topics include flowers pollinated by birds, bats, and insects of the night; perennials and annuals durable through freezing temperatures; flowers that look like they should bloom at night but do not; and the logistics of the evening garden, such as lighting — natural and electric. Clear descriptions of each plant detail where it can be found, what it looks and smells like, its origins, and tips for enabling it to thrive. Everything you need to know to start your own evening garden. Macmillan, 1993, 256 p., b&w illus., hardcover, \$25.00.

The Myth of Wild Africa: Conservation Without Illusion — Jonathan S. Adams and Thomas O. McShane. This book challenges a common American wildlife conservation ideal: that Africans who live with endangered animals are an instrument of animal extinction. The authors examine what Africans have done to preserve animal species that are really more important to the survival of the African people than to anyone else. The work of well-known scientists such as Dian Fossey is directly challenged, but the authors support their theories with hard facts about the Africans' efforts and hard truths about how Westerners would not be and have not been willing to make the sacrifices being imposed on the indigenous peoples of Africa. Norton, 1992, 266 p., b&w photographs, hardcover, \$21.95.

Technological Risk — H.W. Lewis. A physics professor evaluates the actual dangers of everyday life in the modern world, distinguishing them from apparent risks that generate a disproportionate amount of anxiety. In examining the relative threats of toxic chemicals, air and automobile travel, nuclear power, microwave radiation, the greenhouse effect, and more, Lewis maintains that technology itself poses less risk than do bad policies, misdirected resources, and a poorly informed public. Originally published in hardcover in 1990. Norton, 1992, 353 p., paperback, \$11.95.

We Heard the Angels of Madness: One Family's Struggle with Manic Depression — Diane Berger and Lisa Berger. Moving personal accounts, written by the mother of a manic-depressive son, alternate with well-researched chapters written by her sister, addressing the disorder, its treatment, insurance and Social Security coverage, and what to expect from halfway houses and hospitals. Helpful appendixes list institutions and researchers, support groups, and other information sources. Originally published in hardcover in 1991. Morrow, 1992, 308 p., paperback, \$10.00.

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