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The Cartoon Guide to (Non)Communication: The Use and Misuse of Information in the Modern World — Larry Gonick. From the author of *The Cartoon Guide to Physics* and *The Cartoon Guide to Genetics* comes a humorous look at the evolution of writing, language, and communication through the ages and the confusion that ensues as people and cultures change. Learn the importance of visual perceptions and manipulation techniques. HarperPerennial, 1993, 186 p., b&w illus., paperback, \$13.00.

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The Life of Isaac Newton — Richard S. Westfall. This easy-to-read, condensed version of Westfall's original biography of Newton, *Never at Rest*, chronicles in narrative form the life and work of one of science's greatest geniuses. Westfall, who studied an extensive collection of published and unpublished personal writings, delves into many of Newton's controversial philosophies, his scientific achievements, and his somewhat peculiar personality. Cambridge U Pr., 1993, 328 p., illus., hardcover, \$24.95.

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Living With Cats — Gale B. Nemeec. The host of the PBS show "Living With Animals" brings together her experiences in this complete sourcebook on cat care. Highlights include selecting and naming a cat, understanding feline ailments, cat-proofing the home, and dealing with the loss of a pet. Learn why 42 percent of pet-owning U.S. households have two or more cats. Quill, 1993, 224 p., b&w illus., paperback, \$8.00.

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