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The Atomic Energy Commission Under Nixon: Adjusting to Troubled Times — Glenn T. Seaborg with Benjamin S. Loeb. Seaborg, a Nobel laureate and chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission for more than 10 years, divulges his tribulations during the Nixon presidency as growing pressure from environmental groups and within the government led the administration to curtail the activities of the AEC. As more regulations were imposed upon nuclear power, the AEC struggled to maintain its influence and existence. By including some of his daily diary entries, Seaborg recaptures the flavor of key events. St. Martin's, 1993, 328 p., illus., hardcover, \$24.95.

Biggest Secrets: More Uncensored Truth About All Sorts of Stuff You Are Never Supposed to Know — William Poundstone. In the second follow-up to *Big Secrets*, Poundstone reveals the mystery ingredients of Spam, the formula for Play-Doh, the identity of mystery writer Trevanian, and how Siegfried & Roy really perform their magic. Not appropriate reading for those who still believe in Santa Claus. Morrow, 1993, 272 p., illus., hardcover, \$20.00.

McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Physics: Second Edition — Sybil P. Parker, Ed. Culled from the *McGraw-Hill Encyclopedia of Science and Technology*, the alphabetized entries in this single-volume reference cover all aspects of physics, including acoustics, electricity, fluid mechanics, nuclear physics, optics, and relativity. The book also contains new articles about important concepts that have emerged during the last decade, such as the Aharonov-Bohm effect, quark-gluon plasma, and laser cooling. McGraw, 1993, 1,624 p., b&w photos and illus., hardcover, \$95.50.

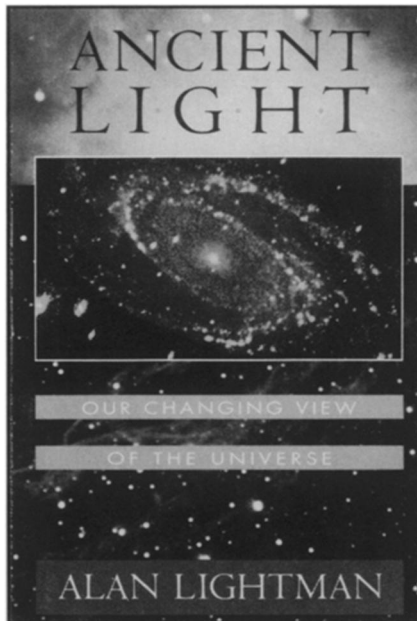
1993 Earth Journal: Environmental Almanac and Resources Directory. The editors of Buzzworm magazine have compiled a comprehensive resource on activities involving environmental issues. The book opens with a look back at the important events of 1991 and 1992, followed by a chapter discussing specific environmental problems, current efforts to address them, and what you can do. A lengthy directory of ecologically oriented groups concludes the book. Buzzworm Bks, 1992, 430 p., b&w photos, paperback, \$9.95.

On Methuselah's Trail: Living Fossils and the Great Extinctions — Peter Douglas Ward. Dragonflies, horsetail plants, and nautiluses represent living species that date far back in time. Ward, who has traveled throughout the world to observe such organisms, regales the reader with his adventures and the fascinating work of paleontologists. He speculates about how these living fossils, or Methuselahs, survived and remained largely unchanged in the wake of the mass extinctions of the Paleozoic, Mesozoic, and Cenozoic eras. Originally published in hardcover in 1992. WH Freeman, 1993, 212 p., b&w photos and illus., paperback, \$12.95.

On the Wild Side — Martin Gardner. Pseudoscientists and believers in the paranormal, beware: Gardner is back with another lively and insightful collection of skeptical articles, essays, and reviews assailing the veracity of UFO sightings, rainmaking, ESP, and much more. He also recounts his own transformation from a religious fundamentalist to a fundamental skeptic. Prometheus Bks, 1992, 257 p., hardcover, \$24.95.

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