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**In the Beginning: After COBE and Before the Big Bang** — John Gribbin. Working from the key discovery of the Cosmic Background Explorer (COBE) satellite — that the universe contains structural "ripples," which some scientists view as virtual confirmation of the Big Bang theory — Gribbin seeks to answer the next question: What happened before the Big Bang? He contends that ours is one of a number of universes that may survive by natural selection. He therefore seeks the answer to how the Big Bang occurred and whether our universe will continue to evolve. Little, 1993. 274 p., hardcover, \$22.95.

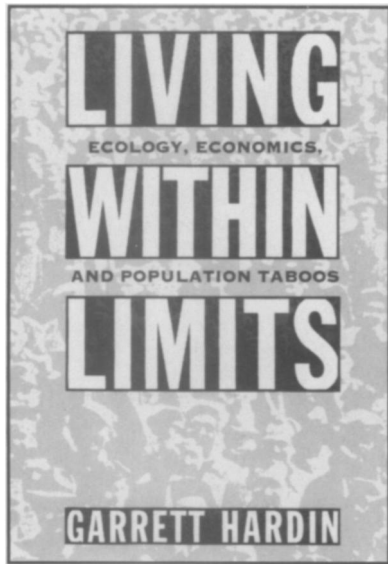
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**Möbius and his Band: Mathematics and Astronomy in Nineteenth-Century Germany** — John Fauvel, Raymond Flood, and Robin Wilson, eds. These six essays focus on various aspects of Möbius' life and work, which in turn reflect the influences of many other German mathematicians and astronomers of the same era. The collection includes historical, sociological, and chronological essays, as well as more detailed writings about some of Möbius' most distinguished work in geometry, his development of barycentric calculus, and how his work factors into use today. Oxford U Pr, 1993. 172 p., b&w photos and illus., hardcover, \$29.95.

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