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Jargon: An Informal Dictionary of Computer Terms — Robin Williams with Steve Cummings. A helpful reference for students of computer science and users of personal computers, particularly the Macintosh. Terms range from fundamental to advanced, but no definition assumes prior knowledge or lack thereof, and all definitions provide a context for the word. Many definitions also deal specifically with Macintoshes and are marked accordingly. Peachpit Pr, 1993, 676 p., b&w illus., paperback, \$22.00.

Grand Canyon National Park — Jeremy Schmidt. This thoughtful and informative guide through the natural history of the Grand Canyon touches upon every geologic attribute and aspect of life in and around the canyon. Includes comprehensive lists of plants and wildlife found in the area as well as detailed discussions of the Colorado River, the power of erosion, the distribution of wildlife, and traveler's information. HM, 1993, 246 p., color plates and b&w photos, paperback, \$14.95.

The Invisible Epidemic: The Story of Women and AIDS — Gena Corea. An investigative reporter chronicles the disturbing plight of HIV-infected women in the United States. When transmitted sexually, HIV is 10 times more likely to pass from a man to a woman than from a woman to a man, Corea argues. Yet many medical benefits available to men with AIDS are denied to women, and the federal government routinely turns down research proposals involving women with AIDS, she says. Originally published in hardcover in 1992. HarperPerennial, 1993, 356 p., paperback, \$12.00.

Self-Made Man: Human Evolution From Eden to Extinction — Jonathan Kingdon. This professor of zoology contends that human evolution has less to do with genes and more to do with technological advances and adaptations to the ecology of new surroundings. For example, he argues, the use of fire allowed hominids to venture from the warmth of Africa to colder regions, and the knowledge of cooking ended the need for large teeth and jaws. Kingdon advances his theories by charting the travels of hominids from Africa to northern destinations. Chapters illuminate these movements as they relate to biogeography, paleontology, archaeology, ecology, and genetics. Wiley, 1993, 369 p., b&w photos and illus., hardcover, \$27.95.

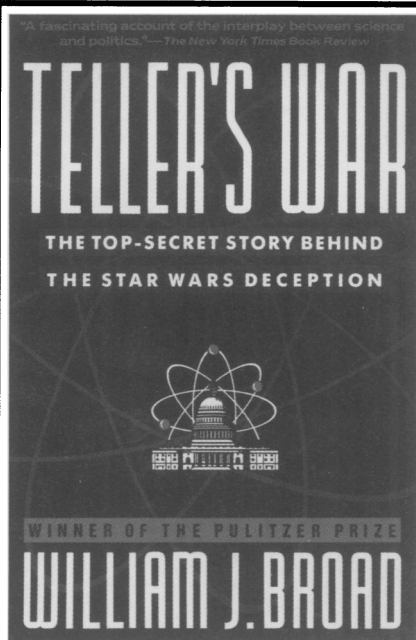
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