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**Eco-Sanitary: A Common-Sense Guide to Environmentalism** — Joseph L. Bast, Peter J. Hill, and Richard C. Rue. Urging a change in the alarmist strategies of many environmentalists, this treatise provides a 40-point plan for an efficient, practical means of advancing the environmental agenda. Many pages are devoted to the progress of the movement. However, as reported here, the backlash to "green at any cost" has arrived, requiring a new focus for maintaining environmental prosperity. Madison Bks UPA, 1994, 316 p., b&w illus, hardcover, \$22.95.

**The Geography of Nowhere: The Rise and Decline of America's Man-Made Landscape** — James Howard Kunstler. Close to 80 percent of all structures and roadways in the United States have been erected in the last 50 years, during which time zoning laws have required the segregation of commercial structures from neighborhoods, reports Kunstler. He argues, however, that this planning strategy has had the catastrophic effect of costing us our sense of civic-mindedness and town life. He points to children being bused to schools instead of walking and the intrusion of highways into urban neighborhoods, where most people do not even drive. Originally published in hardcover in 1993. Touchstone Bks, 1994, 303 p., paperback, \$11.00.

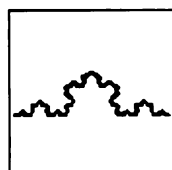
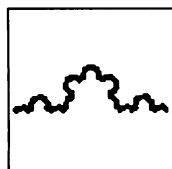
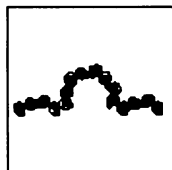
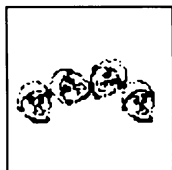
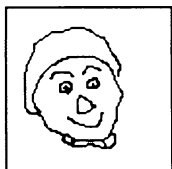
**Journey to the Ants: A Story of Scientific Exploration** — Bert Hölldobler and Edward O. Wilson. The Pulitzer Prize-winning authors of *The Ants* delve once more into the widely diverse world of these insects to present a concise version of myrmecology, the study of ants. Beginning with the natural history of the family, the authors argue that its success over the course of 100 million years is due mostly to the cooperation of colony members and the development of chemical communication. In the second half of the volume, Hölldobler and Wilson explore the whole range of the ant's fascinating and intricate biodiversity. Lively anecdotes and extraordinary color photos sprinkle the text. Belknap Pr, 1994, 228 p., color plates and b&w photos and illus., hardcover, \$24.95.

**Making Monsters: False Memories, Psychotherapy, and Sexual Hysteria** — Richard Ofshe and Ethan Watters. This exposé of recovered memory reveals how the methods of this very controversial therapy can plant false memories of abuse in the minds of many patients who undergo it. Ofshe, a Pulitzer Prize-winning author and professor of social psychology at the University of California, Berkeley, and Watters, a freelance writer, present a number of case studies. These show a startling rise in reports of abuse, especially abuse that occurred early in a patient's life, and in the diagnosis of multiple personality disorder, once a rare phenomenon. The authors trace the rise of recovered memory therapy and question the credentials of many of its practitioners. Scribner, 1994, 340 p., hardcover, \$23.00.

**Raising Children Toxic Free: How to Keep Your Child Safe from Lead, Asbestos, Pesticides, and Other Environmental Hazards** — Herbert L. Needleman and Philip J. Landrigan. In an attempt to put into perspective the environmental threats facing children, two experts in the field of environmental disease offer methods of identifying hazards and taking the necessary precautions against them. They note that children are particularly sensitive to toxins because youngsters absorb more of what they ingest and lack fully developed immune systems. For these reasons, the intimate environment of a child — namely, home and school and the toxins that may well lurk there — are of particular concern here. FS&G, 1994, 259 p., hardcover, \$20.00.

**Science's Trickiest Questions: 402 Questions That Will Stump, Amuse, and Surprise** — Paul Kuttner. What male animal carries his offspring prior to their birth? Why is the saline content of the Dead Sea higher than that of the Atlantic Ocean? These are just a sample of the questions pondered in this book, which is almost like a game. Questions with clues about botany, geometry, biology, psychology, chemistry, and anatomy make up the front of the book. These are followed by answer chapters, which provide thorough explanations of the subject matter. Holt, 1994, 285 p., paperback, \$10.95.

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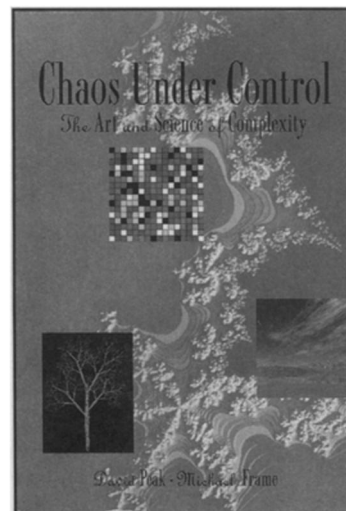
Fractals, chaos, the Butterfly Effect, self-organization, emergent properties — these terms are the parlance of David Peak and Michael Frame, two gifted scientists and educators who have made the science of complex systems their lives' work. In the last few years, Peak and Frame have observed these terms popping up in everyday conversation as well as in the mass media. In *CHAOS UNDER CONTROL*, Peak and Frame respond to the overwhelming demand for a non-technical overview of this fascinating field, offering an informative introduction to the study of fractals, chaos, and complexity for the general reader.

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