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Prehistoric Life: The Rise of the Vertebrates — David Norman. The author of the award-winning book *Dinosaur!* focuses his attention here on describing the evolution of vertebrates, especially land vertebrates. Extraordinary illustrations bring ancient creatures to life, as Norman describes what Earth began as and how such a vast variety of complex creatures came to be here. Macmillan, 1994, 246 p., b&w and color photos and illus., hardcover, \$30.00.

Maya Cosmos: Three Thousand Years on the Shaman's Path — David Freidel, Linda Schele, and Joy Parker. An archaeologist, an epigrapher, and a professor — all expert in Maya studies — follow up on Freidel and Schele's book *A Forest of Kings*. They decipher the Maya creation myth and contend that it is not merely a story but is founded in astronomy. By recounting their personal experiences with the Maya of today and the knowledge they attained through numerous digs that traced the origins of the creation myth from the Olmecs 3,000 years ago forward, the authors show how the Maya remain true to the knowledge and ways of their ancestors. Originally published in hardcover in 1993. Quill, 1995, 543 p., color plates, b&w photos and illus., paperback, \$15.00.

Spell of the Tiger: The Man-Eaters of Sundarbans. Sy Montgomery. Unlike tigers in the rest of the world, those that inhabit Sundarbans — a huge, swampy area of India and Bangladesh off the Bay of Bengal — stalk and eat humans. Even though hundreds of people are consumed annually by the tigers there, the animals are worshipped, though feared, by the human inhabitants of the area. They have made no effort to eradicate the tigers. Through a couple of journeys to the area and interviews with the people of Sundarbans, Montgomery provides an interesting travel drama, in addition to demystifying the relationship between the humans and their deadly predators. HM, 1995, 230 p., b&w plates, hardcover, \$22.95.

What If the Moon Didn't Exist? Voyages to Earths That Might Have Been — Neil F. Comins. In answer to the title question, the author, a professor of astronomy, contends that Earth would rotate three times faster and that gale-force winds would make life tough for tall creatures like humans. Comins plays out this scenario and nine others that could have occurred at the birth of the solar system. Originally published in hardcover in 1993. HarperPerennial, 1995, 315 p., paperback, \$13.00.

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