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The Great Power-Line Cover-Up: How the Utilities and the Government Are Trying to Hide the Cancer Hazards Posed by Electromagnetic Fields—Paul Brodeur. Trumpeting the dangers of electromagnetic fields (EMFs), Brodeur provides case studies and the latest data available on the potential ill effects of EMFs. While his bent is clearly toward a conspiracy of the power companies against citizens, he offers interesting theories about the possible carcinogenic effects of EMFs and a great deal of evidence to support them. Much of this work was published earlier in *THE NEW YORKER*. Originally published in hardcover in 1993. Back Bay Bks, 1995, 351 p., paperback, \$12.95.

Let the Mountains Talk, Let the Rivers Run: A Call to Those Who Would Save the Earth—David Brower with Steve Chapple. Environmental guru David Brower reflects on his achievements and some shortcomings in keeping dams out of the Grand Canyon and loggers out of Olympic National Park. But the bulk of this work outlines his vision of CPR for Earth—conservation, preservation, and restoration—and the actions he believes are necessary for its continued vitality. HarperCollins, 1995, 196 p., hardcover, \$20.00.

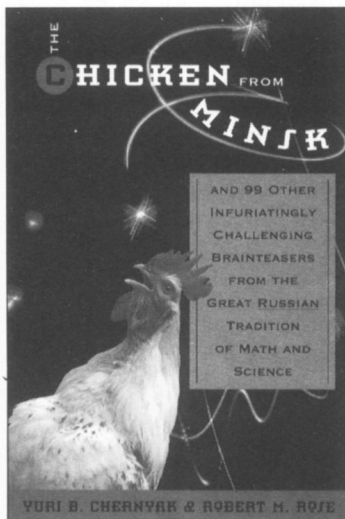
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Water Ice & Stone: Science and Memory on the Antarctic Lakes—Bill Green. Intrigued by his experiences studying the Antarctic lakes as a graduate student, Green returned several years later to analyze the behavior of nutrients and heavy metals in Lake Vanda and the lakes surrounding it. Over the past 14 years, he has recorded his work and reflections during seven field seasons of study there. This memoir recounts his findings as well as his personal feelings about the area and the lakes, which are not home to a single fish or plant but are rife with answers to questions about how bodies of water cleanse and sustain themselves. Harmony Bks, 1995, 283 p., hardcover, \$23.00.

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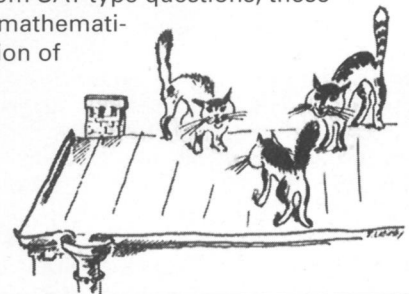


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