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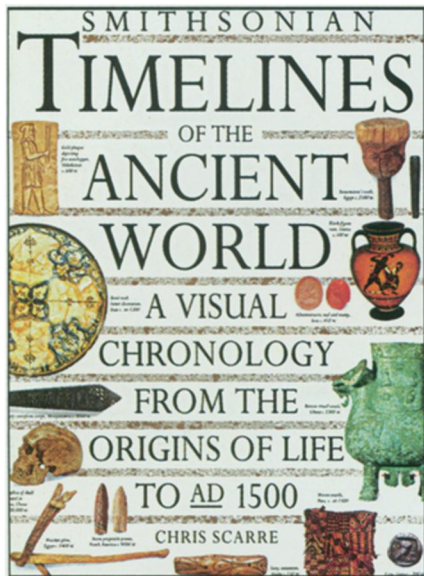
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No Ordinary Genius: The Illustrated Richard Feynman—Christopher Sykes, ed. Sykes, the maker of two documentary films about Feynman, uses interviews with family, friends, and colleagues to piece together a retrospective of the renowned physicist's life and work. He also draws on many reflections from Feynman himself, revealing his fun-loving nature and providing insights into what made him one of the most accomplished scientists of all time. Originally published in hardcover in 1994. Norton, 1995, 272 p., b&w photos and illus., paperback, \$19.95.

A Tour of the Calculus—David Berlinski. This lyrical text explores the premises of the calculus and how these concepts can be applied in the real world. Lively portraits of the founders of the field, namely, Newton and Leibnitz, and its origins guide the reader through the Cartesian coordinates, concepts of limits, the role of a function in describing a relationship between numbers, and many other aspects of the calculus. Proofs are scattered throughout the text as points of reference but are not posed as problems. Pantheon, 1995, 331 p., b&w illus., hardcover, \$27.50.

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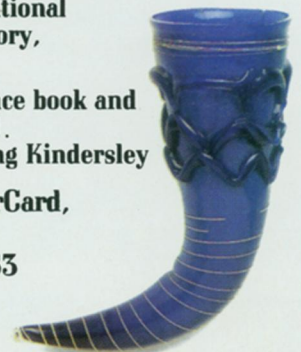
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